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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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April 9, 1970

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Elgin, Illinois 60120

Dear [REDACTED]

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter which I received on April 7th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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[REDACTED]
Elgin, Ill 60120

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Dear Sirs,

Martin Luther KING

I am asking for a complete dossier on Dr. King's background, in regards to subversion, including names of all fronts.

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Dear Sir,

Elgin, Ill
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I am asking for a complete dossier on Dr. King's background in regards to subversion, including names of all fronts.

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Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of
March 26th, information concerning the alleged communist
affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or
not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice
regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Carlsbad, N. Mex
March 26, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have read and heard pro and con that Martin Luther King was a Communist.

The truth please! We do not know what to believe. I do not think a special day should be set aside for this man if he was a Communist.

We have three sons in Armed Servies.

Respectfully

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J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice
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Washington, D.C.

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Carlsbad, N. Mex
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Carlsbad, N.Mex

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[REDACTED]
Covina, California 91722

Dear [REDACTED]

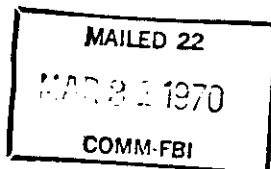
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J. Edgar Hoover
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In reply to the inquiry in your letter of March 24th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I have never publicly stated that he was a communist.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1970

Dear Director Hoover:

This noon I happened to be at a luncheon at the South Pasadena Republican Women's Club. While there I was informed by the chairman of their study group you had proof and had publicly stated Martin Luther King was a Communist. They are in the process of documenting same to me.

I know you would like to keep the electorate properly informed and if you have said Mr. King was a Communist you would not object to repeating it if it is so. Is you did not say or intimate he was you will want to just as quickly disavow same.

Thank you for your expeditious reply. me

Sincerely,
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[REDACTED]
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 23rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NEW ORLEANS 12, LOUISIANA 70120

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March 23, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
5060 Post Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Some of us in New Orleans are trying to appraise the net effect of Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s career on the racial relations in our area and in the nation as a whole. Personally, I admired very much his "letters from a Birmingham jail", which was beautifully written. On the other hand, the results of his efforts in several communities was not one of peace and non-violence.

I refer to your reference to Mr. King as not being true to his word. I would appreciate your letting me know what the facts were that brought you to this conclusion.

Yours very truly,

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North Lawrence, Ohio 44666

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to the inquiries in your letter of March 23rd, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I can assure you that I have never made any statement that he did more for the communist movement in this country than anyone else in the past decade.

I did state, however, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mar 23, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover
Chief Director F.B.I.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There seems to be much support for Martin Luther King in my area especially by the clergy. I am quite concerned about this because I am opposed to King and what he stood for for more reasons than I'd care to mention here.

I understand that you have said in effect that King did more for the Communist movement in this country than anyone else in the past decade and that he was the most notorious liar in the country. If this is true would you please send me some of your comments and some literature to this effect. This will help me get the truth to some of the people in this area.

Thank You
Sincerely


North Lawrence, Ohio
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J. Edgar Hoover
Chief Director F.B.I.

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I thank you
Sincerely

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North Lawrence, Ohio
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-4245) (P)

SUBJECT: SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
4/4/70
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Buded 3/18/70

Re Bureau airtel, 3/4/70.

Sources Newark Office, including NJSP Central Security Section, logical PDs, military intelligence, have advised that to date, there has been no information developed indicating acts of Civil disobedience or violence planned in connection with above-captioned matter.

Enclosed for Bureau, 11 copies of LHM entitled, "DEMONSTRATION APRIL 4, 1970, N.J. STATE CAPITOL, TRENTON, N.J., BY N.J. COMMITTEE AGAINST REPRESSION."

Source, who furnished information pertaining to this demonstration, has stated selection of 4/4/70, as date for demonstration, has no connection with KING anniversary date, and is merely coincidental.

Sources utilized in LHM:

- ② Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
- 5- Newark

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There are no approved characterizations for
N.J. Committee Against Repression, Plainfield Joint Defense
Committee, and Camden Defense Group.

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EHM being submitted 108th MI Gp, Newark, and
Secret Service, Newark.

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DEMONSTRATION APRIL 4, 1970,
NEW JERSEY STATE CAPITOL
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, BY
NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE AGAINST REPRESSION

[REDACTED] New Jersey Committee Against Repression, 1 Cooper Street, Westmont, New Jersey, planned a demonstration at the New Jersey State Capitol, Trenton, New Jersey, on Saturday, April 4, 1970. b(1)

According to this source, the purpose of the demonstration is to present a petition to the Governor of New Jersey on behalf of the repressed people of New Jersey. The demonstrators believe this could be a tangible means of showing mass opposition to the ever-growing abridgement of civil liberties that is presently taking place. This action could focus on cases of repression in New Jersey, for example, the Jersey City Black Panther Party members who are on trial, the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee, and the Camden Defense Group.

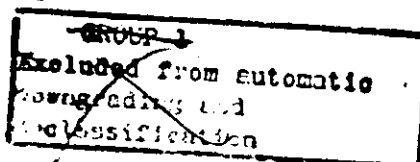
Characterization of Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

[REDACTED] it is planned to demonstrate at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 4, 1970, and it is hoped that approximately 200 persons will participate. This source stated that the date of April 4, 1970, has no significance and was not picked because of the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. b(1)

Source stated that one of the leaders of this demonstration is Lew Moroze.

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DEMONSTRATION APRIL 4, 1970, NEW JERSEY STATE CAPITOL, TRENTON,
NEW JERSEY

 that the New Jersey State authorities are aware of the planned demonstration at the State Capitol in Trenton on Saturday, April 4, 1970. This source stated that the State Capitol is closed on Saturdays and it is not expected that anyone but the custodial force will be present. b(1)

New Jersey State Police, Trenton, New Jersey, 108th Military Intelligence Group, and Secret Service, Newark, have been advised.

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APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY,
Also Known As
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature Mao's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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NEW JERSEY STATE CAPITOL, TRENTON,
NEW JERSEY, BY NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE
AGAINST REPRESSION

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Reference Memorandum dated 3/17/70, at Newark,
New Jersey.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *EB*
FROM : M. A. Jones
SUBJECT: ELLEN HOLLY

DATE: 3-17-70

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The New York Times of March 15, 1970, carried a review by Ellen Holly of a movie about Martin Luther King, Jr., entitled, "King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis." This movie will be shown on a single evening, March 24, 1970, at 45 theaters in New York and in theaters around the country. Proceeds will go to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Fund.

In the review, Holly makes the following comment about the FBI: "But inasmuch as black men are not permitted American dreams, that was the F.B.I.'s cue to consider him a Communist and tap his phone." The Director noted, "What do we know of Ellen Holly?"

Ellen Holly is not identifiable in Bureau files. A check of "Who's Who of American Women" (1970-71) reflects an Ellen Holly as an actress, born in New York City and who resides at 8737 118th Street, Richmond Hill, New York. She has appeared in a number of Broadway plays since 1956, as well as playing roles in various television programs, such as "The Nurses," "Sam Benedict" and "Dr. Kildare." Also, she appeared in the motion picture, "A Giant Step." *100-166670-*

The New York Office was contacted to determine whether it possessed any data regarding Ellen Holly, the actress, ~~might be identical~~ with the author of the movie review in The New York Times. **NOT RECORDED**

The New York Office advised that Ellen Holly is not identifiable in its files. A check of its sources reflected, however, that Ellen Holly, the actress, on occasions did free-lance writing for The New York Times. She was identified as a Negro actress who currently is playing in an ABC television show, "One Life to Live." Nothing of a derogatory nature is known concerning her.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information. *✓*

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - M. A. Jones

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Reviews

'Is It Frighteningly Easy to Hate'

By ELLEN HOLLY

The documentary footage is stunning. Most of all, there is no added commentary. The events are allowed to speak for themselves. The film bursts with vitality—police motorcycles, bombs, ambulances, nightsticks crunching into human bone, gospel singing, the massed crowds before the Lincoln Memorial at the 1963 March on Washington and, most thrilling of all, the speeches of the man himself, including a miraculously unearthed tape taken by chance, of that first meeting in which the decision to boycott the Montgomery buses was made. As for the images, if film is a mirror, we should all go see it, for, black or white, we will never look and see ourselves that beautiful or that innocent again.

Ely Landau's "King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis," documents a transcendent moment in American history when an extraordinary man, through sheer force of personality, managed to connect black and white, Jew, Catholic and Protestant, that if we all gave our hearts and minds to America's cancers and for all and make her whole. You have only to see the film to see the moment had to end. Human beings are human beings. They can believe this way only for a while. But the more they ran deeper, were harder to reach, and the more they knew, and only a saint could believe this way forever. It was glorious it was while it lasted.

A line of black citizens stand in orderly rows on the courthouse steps to register, are beaten back with billys, line up again, are beaten back, over and over. None raises a finger to defend himself. Patiently they reassemble, and there is something unbearable about the fact that each of them, to receive this mauling, has dressed in his Sunday best.

A line of young white clergymen link hands during a demonstration. Eventually, some of them, like Reeb and Klunder, will die. They know that and one or two of them look frightened. It just makes it all the more remarkable that they are there. But they are there in the streets to give witness to a living Christ instead of intone the merits of a dead one from the safety of a suburban pulpit—or Madison Square Garden.

Time passes and innocence vanishes.

When Dr. King became one of the first leaders in this country to speak out against the war in Vietnam, he promptly got his knuckles rapped and we all learned, if we didn't know already, that it was not just a matter of

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Ellen Holly?*

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ready, that we live in a system that does not live in nonviolence, only in black non-violence. Time has taught us that Dr. King, who said "Now," was a good man but not a prophet, that maybe Sheriff Jim Clark of Selma was the prophet. In one sequence of the film Clark comes out of a shadow and the sun glints on the button he wears in his jacket. It says "Never."

Perhaps, perhaps.

An hour after a screening of the film, I spoke with Coretta King. The experience I had just been through was overwhelming but there were no tears, no swollen face. When you see her, it is immediately clear that this is not the widow of a dead man but the wife of a living man. She sees the death and the life as part of a place, all about one thing, service to mankind, and there is no denying that on those terms the death took place in the best possible way at the best possible time to be of the most possible use. The Egyptian-looking eyes that seem so brooding and poetic in photographs, in person come intensely alive with her total commitment to her husband's beliefs. Although they are now familiar to us, she makes them seem fresh and exciting and, beyond that, possible. The idea of loving one's fellow man looks like a cliché on a printed page. Hear it out of her mouth and it seems wholly different. However much cynicism you bring to her presence, inevitably you leave with less.

I do not share Coretta King's faith in human nature. Although some gains were made because Dr. King awakened America's Christian conscience, other gains were made because the power structure made a cold-blooded calculation and decided to embrace him as the more palatable alternative to the militants. To know that is to know that the black man must never trap himself in any single method. Although I personally choose Dr. King's way, there are many ways, and each man must choose his own.

What I do share with Coretta King is her conviction that her husband was one of the greatest men this country has ever produced. It is impossible to overestimate his importance. Black militants may see him as an Uncle Tom or whites may see only the Christian element in his doctrine, both fall utterly to grasp his full significance.

It is easy — frighteningly easy — to hate. Most particularly if you are black. It is almost impossible to do anything on the list of oppressions, frustrations, injustices, lunatic priorities,

moral ambiguities and insults to intelligence grows longer and longer.

Where do we turn?

To a President who cannot summon up one shred of empathy for the young or the black or the poor?

To the courts? There was no need for the Nixon Administration to be embarrassed by Carswell's 1948 speech. We knew what we were getting all along. We knew that, in line with Nixon's Southern strategy, the only vacant seat on the highest court of the land was being held for a "Southern conservative." We know that the term "Southern conservative" is a euphemism for "White supremacist." What difference whether the bottle of poison is honestly labeled with a skull and crossbones? We are going to have to swallow it anyway. Aren't we?

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Do we turn to the public forums? We control no media, speak only at the discretion of others. Raise a voice in the streets and we are called Communist. Some whites know better and merely employ the term in a calculated move to discredit us. Other whites truly believe it and in their innocence do not comprehend the magnitude of the insult in their assumption . . . that we are so sluggish and insensate that we are willing to wallow in misery like pigs in a sty and do nothing about it unless prodded into action from an outside source . . . that we are incapable of the imagination to conceive of a black revolution of our own and must be functioning as lackey and handmaiden to a white one. "I have a dream," Dr. King says in the film, "and it is deeply rooted in the American dream." But inasmuch as black men are not permitted American dreams, that was the F.B.I.'s cue to consider him a Communist and tap his phone.

Now, with the Moynihan Memorandum, we move into a period in which black dissent is to be discredited as the work of "hysterics, paranoids and boddlers" indulging in "martyrdom, heroics, histrionics and whatever." It is characteristic of our continuing dilemma that we live under a President who chooses as his most important counselor on black affairs, not a black man who will tell him what he needs to know, but a white man who will tell him what he wants to hear, and who will send him memos urging him to treat us with "benign neglect." As for the "silent black majority" of which Moynihan speaks, it is remarkable that after Watts, Detroit, Newark, Cleveland and Washington, there is anyone willing to

be caught in print indulging in the fantasy of the happy darky.

Where do we turn? Like a rat caught in a maze, we scramble back and forth looking for some way out. Then the truth begins to dawn on us. There aren't any. Panic mounts. Hatred grows.

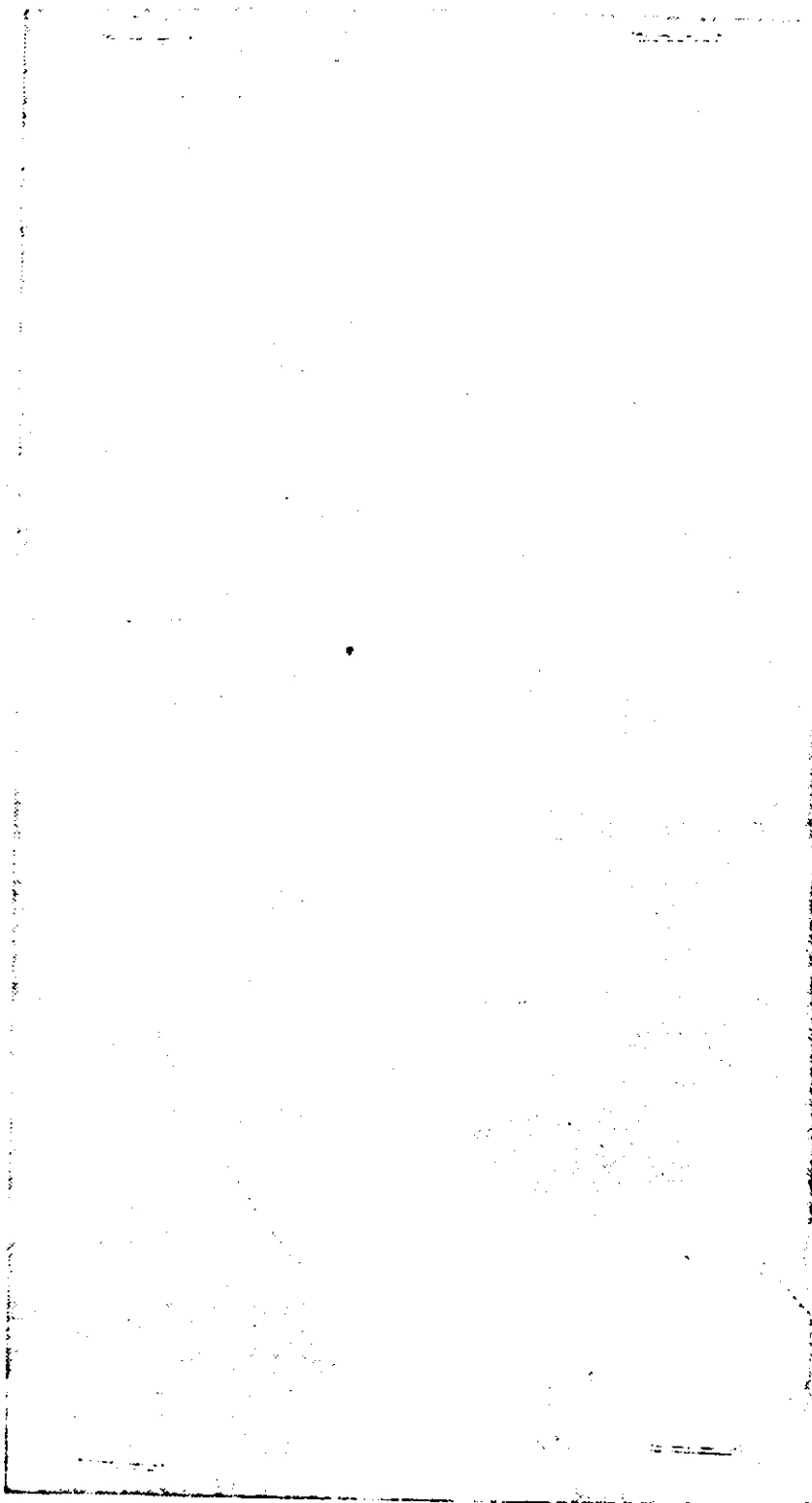
I know something about hatred. I lived through 10 years of an anger at this society that was so intense that it almost drew my hand too taut to hold the pen with which I was trying to write that anger down in a desperate effort to channel it. And all the while I knew that the pen that I could barely hold was merely a surrogate for the gun that I was determined, at all costs, not to carry. Ten years wasted. Hatred is easy . . . normal under our circumstances . . . but it wrenches our guts, trembles our fingers, draws our limbs rigid and prevents us from functioning, and function we must if we are to find some sane and productive way to regenerate ourselves and the mortally sick society in which we live. It is the ability to function that King makes possible. And if you live through a protracted seizure of hatred from which King's doctrines deliver you, you relate to the man as the former cripple who has come away walking — relates to Lourdes.

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Some whites revere King for the Christian overtones in his doctrine, others for the hope he holds out to them that they will be spared a reaping of the whirlwind they have sown. As a black, I revere him for a very different reason. By suggesting that we make an effort to transform our hatred into love, to render ourselves benign rather than malignant — however illusory the success of that alchemy — I think he offers us a mental discipline that helps to reverse the terrible erosion of personality that normally takes place in us as we are constantly abraded by a hostile society.

Leaders die. Their images slip into a pleasant blur. Not so for King. His history will be unique. Those of us who wish to avoid the incapacitating paralysis of hatred will have to focus ever more intensively on the man and his ideas, devour every book or film that helps us to do so. Not lose his image or permit it to blur, but burn it into our brains with a branding iron. The necessity to do that is inescapable. It is one of the only means we have of attempting to remain loving, fluid and functioning, in a society that, with each passing day, provides those of us who are black with a fresh cue for rage.

... the subject of "King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis." It will be shown, for a single day, March 27, at theaters in New York and in theaters around the country. Proceeds will go to the Martin Luther King Jr. Special . . .



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Date: 3/17/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-3436) (P)

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
APRIL 4, 1970
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Sources, informants and police agencies within
the Miami Division have been canvassed and no info developed
concerning plans for any activity commemorating the second
anniversary of the death of KING.

Miami will remain alert and should info be
developed re planned activities, the Bureau will be
immediately notified.

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Special Agent in Charge
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RESEARCH SECTION

March 12, 1970

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Honorable Edwin D. Eshleman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of March 10th.

While I would certainly like to be of assistance to your constituent regarding her inquiries concerning Martin Luther King, I am unable to furnish the information she is seeking as data in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had limited but cordial relations with Congressman Eshleman (R- Pennsylvania). [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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- 18TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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March 10, 1970

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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My constituent, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Palmyra, Pennsylvania, has asked me to
direct her in her desire to obtain printed material
indicating conclusions gathered by the FBI on the
late Martin Luther King, Jr.

Any suggestions you may give me which I could pass
along to [REDACTED] will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Edwin D. Eshleman
Edwin D. Eshleman
(R-PENNSYLVANIA)

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Mr. Conrad ✓
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Brooklyn, New York 11234

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiry in your letter of March 5th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter.

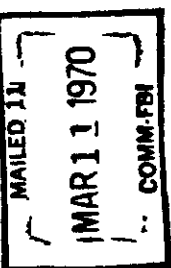
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J. Edgar Hoover

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Miss Gandy	✓

Thursday, March 5, 1970

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you as a fellow American Citizen. First let me say I want to say thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for the many long years of faithful, loyal service you have given to Our Country. Thank you too for being so alert to the Communist conspiracy going on every day all around us. I would like to ask you one simple question pertaining to communism in this country. Was Martin Luther King in fact a card carrying Communist? Please answer this question if you have all the facts at your disposal. I have one other important question. If he was a card carrying Communist or Communist dupe. Why isn't this information made public? Secondly I would like to know why it isn't publicized enough throughout this United States. My last question is, if he was a Communist Traitor why are people recommending and talking about making his birthday a National Holiday. If that is the case we should give Benedict Arnold equal time and make his birthday a National Holiday. After that we should then make the birthdays of the Greenbergs national holidays. Finally we should make all 11 Date of Births of the 11 Korean War Turncoats National Holidays too.

Please answer my letter as promptly as your burdensome job will allow. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

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Thursday, March 5, 1970

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Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of The F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1970
RACIAL MATTERSC. D. DeLoach
1-Mr. B. A. Tamm

DATE: 3-3-70

1-Mr. T. J. [unclear]
1-Mr. A. J. Callahan
1-Mr. G. C. Moore
1-Mr. A. G. [unclear]
1-Mr. C. C. [unclear]Mr. Tolson
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To recommend that an airtel be sent to all field offices to alert the field to the possibilities of violence on the anniversary of King's death.

April 4, 1970, is the second anniversary of King's death. On March 24, 1970, a motion picture on King, made by a leading Hollywood producer, will be shown for one night only. The film will undoubtedly be highly emotional, stressing the plight of Negroes in depicting King's work and death. Another factor contributing to the possibility of violence on April 4, is the extensive antiwar activities scheduled in April with the expected vandalism and other illegal activities. In such an atmosphere of lawlessness, together with the emotion involved in the anniversary of King's death, racial activities involving similar illegal activities could result.

In order that we will have sufficient information upon which an assessment of the possibilities of trouble can be made, we need information from each field office regarding the activities planned, the extremist influence and other data which might affect the violence potential.

ACTION:

If you approve, the attached airtel will be sent to all offices setting a deadline of 3-18-70, for the submission of initial assessments of the situation.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. [illegible]

FROM: Mr. [illegible]

DATE: February 27, 1970

FROM: Mr. [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

MARTIN LUTHER KING FILM DOCUMENTARY

The Personnel Office of the Department has made available a memorandum from the Civil Service Commission containing guidance to be followed concerning the film documentary on Martin Luther King. The showing will occur on 3/24/70 in some 1,000 theaters throughout the country, the purpose being to honor King's memory and to raise funds for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation.

The sponsors of the showing have requested the official assistance of the executive agencies in promoting the sale of tickets and the Commission has ruled that the matter is one relating to fund raising within the Executive Branch, which is strictly governed by Executive Order 10927 and, accordingly, agency officials and staff must not devote official time to the sale of, or other promotional activities concerning, tickets to the showing. It is not appropriate to use official property or services in the advertising of tickets or to use official bulletin boards to post notices and internal mail service should not be used to distribute brochures.

The Commission advises that "non-official" bulletin boards can be used for promotional purposes and there is no prohibition against Federal employees or organizations selling tickets on their own time or using their own resources outside of official channels.

We do not have any "non-official" bulletin boards and circulation of the policy set forth in the Commission memorandum is not deemed necessary as FBI employees should certainly be aware of the fact that devoting official time and resources to promoting such an effort is not permitted.

ACTION: [illegible]

None. For information only.

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REMARKS

The attached memorandum from the Civil Service Commission contains guidance which we should follow concerning the film documentary on Dr. Martin Luther King. Additional information will be forwarded as it is received. In the meantime, please call me if you have any questions.

Memo Adams to Callahan
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FROM:	NAME	BUILDING & ROOM	EXT.	DATE
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	Chief, Personnel Programs Section			

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Director of Personnel
Fund-Raising Program Coordinators

Sale of Tickets for Film Documentary in Honor
of Dr. Martin Luther King

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide policy guidance with respect to the showing of a film documentary on Dr. Martin Luther King. The showing will occur on March 24, 1970, in some 1,000 theaters throughout the country. The title of the film is, "King: A Film Record ... Montgomery to Memphis." The purpose of the showing is to honor the memory of Dr. King and to raise funds for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation. The sponsors of the showing have requested the official assistance of the executive agencies in promoting the sale of tickets.

While the Civil Service Commission recognizes the significance of the film and the commendable objectives of those promoting its showing, the matter is one relating to fund raising within the executive branch and is, accordingly, controlled by Executive Order 10927 and the implementing Manual. Because of this, agency officials and staff must not devote official time to the sale of, or other promotional activities concerning, tickets to the showing. In this regard it is not considered appropriate for an agency to use official property or services to aid in the advertisement of the tickets of any private group except those approved for fund raising under the Order and Manual. For example, an agency's official bulletin board should not be used to post notices of the showing and an agency's internal mail service should not be used to distribute brochures. There would, however, be no objection to notices of the film being posted on "non-agency" boards such as those that have been allowed for employee welfare organizations, provided the organization consents to the posting. We feel it entirely proper to use a "non-official" bulletin board for this purpose and we are confident that the organizations that control these boards will be cooperative.

It is to be emphasized that we are concerned with the use of official time and official bulletin boards and services. There is no prohibition against Federal employees or organizations thereof selling tickets to the showing on their own time or using their own resources, outside of official channels, to promote the event. The incidental

Myra Ann White Callahan
JAN 21 1970

ENCLOSURE

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RE NORMAN ...

particular questions arise
may tell me Irving (tel
5566) for advice.

covered by this memorandum,
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Nicholas J. Oganovic
Nicholas J. Oganovic
Executive Director

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In reply to your letter of February 26th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

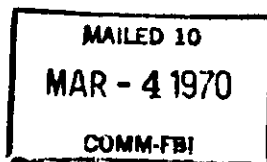
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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was somewhat hesitant about writing this letter, however, I am an American citizen and, therefore, I respectfully request that the information mentioned below.

b7(c) I am a [redacted] in Danville, Virginia. I have four children. I am preparing for the [redacted] form of service to God.

I am in a class on American liberties which is a branch of my chosen major, Sociology. I have selected as my semester assignment a complete research on the life and works of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Most of the aspects of this man's life look very favorable. In reading his books, I find a man who seems to be well informed in the ways of our Lord.

The information I am requesting, has to do with the fact that it appears that in some years past, the F.B.I. has associated King with communism. I have no first hand information on this matter, however, many have indicated this to be a fact. I simply request that as a true American, I am intitled to know the facts concerning this statement.

Please understand that I have a profound respect for the F.B.I. and the work it does to protect me and mine. I trust you will give this matter your attention.

Respectfully yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM: G. C.

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. C. D. Delaney
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Blawie

DATE: 2/17/70

1 - Administrative Services Unit

- 1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. R. D. Cotten
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Glass

To advise of the introduction of a bill by Congressman Peter Wallace Rodino, Jr. (Democrat of New Jersey) to make January 15, the birthday of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., a legal public holiday. The passage of such a bill would be a national calamity and we should take all feasible steps to prevent such.



We have received information that 24 members of Congress have joined in introducing legislation to make King's birthday a holiday. Rodino has not been previously identified as a member of this group and there is nothing in our files to indicate that he fit in that group. His bill appears to be a political expedient and an action taken by him personally.

ACTION:

That Crime Records Division consider approaching trusted contacts in Congress in efforts to prevent action disposed by this bill.

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CRIME RECORDS DIVISION (10)

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CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

February 23, 1970

G. C. Moore to Mr. Sullivan memo

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Cindy Weishaar

ADDENDUM: Crime Records Division, TEB:mjl

There have been 15 bills introduced in the House of Representatives to make King's birthday a national holiday--two in 1968, 10 in 1969, and three so far in 1970. All have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee where no action has been taken and none scheduled. This being an election year, it can be anticipated more such bills will be introduced by members who feel a need of increasing their influence with Negro voters in their district.

In March, 1969, Congressman John M. Ashbrook (R-Ohio) advised he understood a bill making King's birthday a national holiday might be cleared by a Judiciary subcommittee. He said he thought the chairman and ranking minority member of the subcommittee, Congressmen Byron G. Rogers (D-Colo.) and Charles E. Wiggins (R-Calif.), would request a confidential briefing on King from the FBI. It was recommended they be given such a briefing if they so requested. There is no indication they ever contacted the Bureau on this matter, and the subcommittee did not take any action on the bills.

b7(c) The FBI is not the only source of the facts about King's background. Information about his communist connections and his personal escapades is known by many Congressmen and Senators, particularly those in leadership positions.

It is significant that no such bills have been introduced in the Senate. There, such legislation would go to the Judiciary Subcommittee on Federal Charters, Holidays and Celebrations. This is chaired by Senator Roman Hruska (R-Neb.) and the other member is Senator John L. McClellan (D-Ark.). Both these Senators are fully aware of King's background and most certainly would never clear any legislation making King's birthday a holiday. Also, Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Hugh Scott (R-Penn.), Minority Leader, are aware of King's background.

These bills are purely political and chances of any action on them is virtually nil. We stand to gain nothing by gratuitously going to Congressmen and Senators at this time to oppose legislation introduced as a political expedient. We stand to lose a great deal if we do mount a campaign against these bills and some of our critics learn of this.

I recommend no action at present. TEB
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However, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly misrepresented the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

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Kent, Wash. 98031.
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Dear [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] I am 11 years b7(c)
I have been wondering about Martin Luther King. You said he was
a liar and crook. Some people said he was good and trying
to do good things.

I don't know who is right, so would you please tell where
something that is really true. I don't think Martin Luther King
is good but I really don't know.

Sincerely,

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Kent, Wash. 98031.

Dear Sir,

My name is [REDACTED]
I am 11 years old. I have been
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Sincerely,

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NEW YORK (UPI)--FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK TODAY CHALLENGED THE FBI TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT RUMORS "THAT TAPES FROM BUGS SECRETLY INSTALLED IN HOTEL ROOMS USED BY DR. (MARTIN LUTHER) KING WERE PLAYED TO PUBLISHERS, SENATORS AND OTHERS."

"THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD KNOW WHETHER THIS IS TRUE. THEIR GOVERNMENT SHOULD TELL THEM," CLARK SAID.

CLARK ISSUED HIS CHALLENGE IN A COPYRIGHTED ARTICLE IN MCCALL'S MAGAZINE RELEASED TODAY.

"THE RISK OF LEAKS, BLACKLISTS AND BLACKMAIL ARISING FROM THE EXISTENCE OF SO MUCH DATA IS EXTREMELY HIGH," CLARK SAID. "EAVESDROPPING BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN HUMAN NATURE. CLEARLY IRRELEVANT TO MOST CRIME--MURDER, MUGGING, ROBBERY, RAPE, BURGLARY, THEFT--IT IS USED TO SEEK UNKNOWN FACTS ABOUT KNOWN PEOPLE. OFTEN IT IS GUIDED BY THE PREJUDICES OF THOSE WHO WOULD OVERHEAR."

"THAT THE FBI WOULD TAP THE PHONES AND BUG THE HOTEL ROOMS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SHOULD TELL US ALL WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF THOSE PRACTICES," CLARK SAID. HE SAID KING WAS "A PUBLIC MAN, HIS CONDUCT OPEN."

CLARK SAID, "THE RISKS OF SURREPTITIOUS POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF SUCH A LEADER ARE IMMENSE. IT IS THE ACT OF AN INCIPIENT POLICE STATE."

THE FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID EAVESDROPPING DESTROYS CONFIDENCE IN A FEAR OF GOVERNMENT AND FELLOW CITIZEN. IT CORRUPTS THE INVESTIGATOR WHO USES IT AND COMPELS GREATER CUNNING AMONG

THE FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID EAVESDROPPING DESTROYS CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND IN SELF. IT CREATES A FEAR OF GOVERNMENT AND FELLOW CITIZEN. IT CORRUPTS THE INVESTIGATOR WHO USES IT AND COMPELS GREATER CUNNING AMONG THOSE WHO WILL COMMIT CRIME ANYWAY."

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Clark is a psychopathic liar!

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[REDACTED]

Baltimore, Maryland 21211

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Dear [REDACTED]

On February 24th I received your letter and in reply to your inquiries concerning Martin Luther King, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Our files contain no record of correspondent or radio station WYAE.

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[REDACTED]
Baltimore Md. 21211

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you because I want to know the truth about Martin Luther King.

We have a radio talk show hear in Baltimore W. Y. A. E. I listen to it every day. I am retired from the Baltimore City Fire Dept so I have lots of time on my hands as I don't work. Well what I want to say is a few days before King's birth day. The subject on the radio was should it be made a National holiday.

Well you should have heard the praise given to King. You would have thought he was one of Christ's disciples or Jesus Christ Himself.

I thought you could sorta give me a run down on the high points of his life.

What kind of man was he?

Was he against all violence or did he condone violence if it would accomplish what he was trying to get done?

Was he in any way mixed up with the Communist?

Did he do so very much to advance the rights of his race? And if so how much.

Well of course you don't have to send me any information if you don't want to. I will understand.

Maybe we should let the dead rest, but I was curious to know whether he was the saint some people were trying to make of him.

I personally never liked him.

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Sincerely,

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BALTIMORE MD 21211

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Baltimore Md. 2/2/11.

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Sincerely,

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February 16, 1970

[REDACTED]
Oakhurst, New Jersey 07755

b7(c)
Dear **[REDACTED]**

With respect to the inquiry in your letter of February 9th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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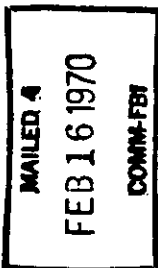
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9 February 1970

Oakhurst, New Jersey 07755

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI

Dear Mr Hoover:

I realize you and your very wonderful staff are extremely busy, trying to keep our country on an even keel, but I wonder if you could give me some information.

My son, who is a Jr. in high school, had a discussion about the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

I guess the old adage "a little knowledge is dangerous" applied in this situation. He had heard me discuss this man, and that I was upset to think so much fuss should be made over him especially on his birthday. I did not feel he should be made a "hero" in this country when I read somewhere that his actions at times were not just to help people. As I said, I can't back this up, but if I could get a copy of the Congressional Record I know, it must be in there where is activities left much to be desired.

I guess I was wrong in discussing something I was not positive about and the teacher said my son should not say Mr. King had communistic leanings unless my son was sure of what he was saying.

Now I am on a spot with him, if I can't get some tangible evidence that Mr King was not a real "hero", my son will be scorned in class, and I sure will have lost some points with him, and today it is so important to keep that communication line open with kids.

Any information you may have to help me, or tell me where I may get a clear picture of Mr Kings real life sure will help a desperate mother.

Thank you for your consideration.

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February 10, 1970

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DATE 2-14-81 BY SP4JAM/IL
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Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to the inquiries in your communication of February 3rd, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I can tell you that Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and statements are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. His letter enclosed a letter to the editor of "The Aegis" from Eleanor Wright of Aberdeen, Maryland who set forth an affidavit from Karl Prussion alleging communist activities on the part of Martin Luther King. Eleanor Wright cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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Bel Air, Maryland 21014 *JK*

February 3, 1970.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2-14-81 BY SP4JRM/ld
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from a letter
to the Aegis a weekly newspaper printed and published in Bel Air,
Harford County, Maryland..

I am interested in knowing whether the purported
affidavit in the letter is an authentic record in your office. Also
please let me know, if possible, whether or not your office shows
that Martin Luther King had any connections, directly or indirectly,
with the Communist party. *M*

Yours truly

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BEL AIR, MARYLAND

February 3, 1970.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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office shows that Martin Luther King
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indirectly, with the Communist Party.

Yours truly

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P. O. Box 31
Aberdeen, Md.
Jan. 13, 1970

Editor
The Aegis
Dear Sir:

The following affidavit is self explanatory:

"I, Karl Prussion, a former counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1960, do hereby swear under oath and under penalty of perjury, that from the years 1954 through 1958 I attended five county committee meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, Calif. (A county committee meeting of the Communist Party consists of one delegate representing each Communist cell in a county). The meetings were held during the aforementioned period in the following locations: . . .

"I hereby further solemnly state that at each and every meeting as set forth above, one Ed Beck, Communist, who is presently secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of San Mateo County, Calif., and a member of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), presented the directive from the district office of the Communist Party in San Francisco to the effect that: 'All Communists working within the framework of the NAACP are instructed to work for a change of the passive attitude of the NAACP toward a more militant, demonstrative, a class struggle policy to be expressed by sit-ins, demonstrations, marches, and protests, for the purpose of transforming the NAACP into an organization for the achievement of Communist objectives.'

"I further swear and attest that at each and every one of the aforementioned meetings, one Rev. Martin Luther King was

always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues.

"I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes. (signed) KARL PRUSSION".

With the above and other facts available concerning the pro-Communist background of Martin L. King, it is difficult to understand how anyone in this country

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b7(c) [REDACTED]
Covington, Kentucky 41015

Dear [REDACTED]

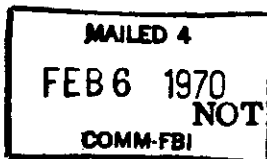
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Covington Ky

J. Edgar Hoover (F. B. I)
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am 73 yrs of age and work every day and try to be reasonable and get facts.

Have been very disturbd about all the Memorials for ~~M. Luther King~~, My personal opinion one of the worse men in History of our Country

Have read different articles about wire tapping and record of the Man

If you have the facts, is it possible to make public and let the world know about him and his destruction of being leader and million of dollars property destroyed and people put out of business;

Why worship idols thet do not exist

Thnks,


Covington, Ky

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Coxington Ky

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Coxington, Ky 41015

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February 9, 1970

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Waynesfield, Ohio 45896

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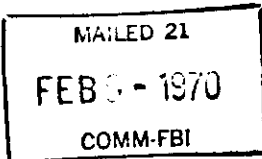
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 2nd has been received and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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DATE 2-14-81 BY SP4JRM/L



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Waynesfield, Ohio
Feb. 2, 1970

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently in our church, we have had so many rumors and I'm trying to find out the actual truth, not a "They Say" fact.

I would like to know if a average American can find out whose name is on the Registered Communist List. Different ones say so and so a Registered Communist but so far no one I have asked told where they got this information. The person our church interested in is Dr. Martin Luther King. I really have not made up my mind what I think about Dr. King.

My husband died in a V.A. hospital May 29, 1968 leaving me with six children, one boy at present time in the Army in Viet Nam, another son in U. S. Navy. The other children are ages 19, 14, 10 & 3 yrs. old. We are proud of our boys in service and I teach my children God's way.

I would appreciate any information that you may send.
Thank you.

God Bless You,

[REDACTED]
Waynesfield, Ohio
ZIP 45896

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God Bless you,

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cc: [redacted]

Waynefield, Ohio

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FBI

Date: 1/26/70

Transmit the following in *6024*
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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

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DATE *5/5/85* BY *T. R. [illegible]*

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-3232) (C)
SUBJECT: BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; AGENCIES
WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL, FIELD OFFICES
CINCINNATI, OHIO ADVISED BY ROUTING
1/15/70 SLIP(S) *Class [illegible]*
RM

Re Cincinnati teletypes to Bureau, dated 1/13/70
and 1/16/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an
LHM concerning captioned activity, which are suitable for
dissemination.

Dissemination is being made locally to OSI, NISO
109th MI Group, U. S. Secret Service, and USA, Cincinnati.

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Furnished information in LHM to SA *[Redacted]*

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Special Agent in Charge

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Sources utilized were contacted by SA [REDACTED] and are identified as follows:

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This LHM is being classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect the identity of sources identified as disclosure of these sources would endanger their future usefulness.

WILLIE THOMAS, mentioned in LHM, is currently on Cincinnati Agitator Index.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
January 26, 1970

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RE: BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL, DATE
CINCINNATI, OHIO
JANUARY 15, 1970

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[REDACTED] the
Cincinnati Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference is going to sponsor a birthday observance for
Martin Luther King, Jr. The program will be held at the
Woodward High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and is to begin
at 7:30 PM on the evening of January 15, 1970. The program
will be open to the public. Local high schools and univer-
sities are scheduled to participate.

THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference
was founded early in 1957 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was elected
as its president and presided in that capacity
until he was slain in Memphis, Tennessee in April,
1968. The current president is Ralph D. Abernathy.
National headquarters are in Atlanta, Georgia.

The basic aims of SCLC are achieving full
citizenship rights, equality, and integration of
the Negro in all aspects of society. The basic
program of SCLC encompasses non-violent resistance

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RE: BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

to all forces of racial injustice. SCLC considers itself as a service agency to facilitate coordinating action of local community groups.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that Reverend Jerry Shaffer, 325 North Wayne Street, Lockland, Ohio, submitted the request for reservation of the Woodward High School gymnasium for the program to be held January 15, 1970. Reverend Shaffer is chaplain of the Valley Christian Improvement Association which is the local chapter of the SCLC. b7(D)

[REDACTED] also advised that two Woodward High School teachers reported hearing rumors that the students of Woodward High School would conduct a sit-in during the day on January 15, 1970. The alleged sit-in would be a protest against school officials for not declaring that day a school holiday. b7(D)

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED], that there was no sit-in or demonstration of any kind at the high school during the day on January 15, 1970. [REDACTED] said that there were a great many students who did not attend school. Out of 3,300 students, she said 1,165 were absent on January 15, 1970. b7(D)

[REDACTED] advised that the birthday observance for Martin Luther King, Jr. which was held at Woodward High School on the previous evening was held without incident of any kind. b7(D)

[REDACTED] the program commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. was held before approximately 1,000 people at the Woodward High School on the evening of January 15, 1970. The majority of people attending were high school students and of the total audience, source estimated approximately ten per cent were white. b(1)


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RE: BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Source advised that Reverend E. D. Thomas, who is on the Executive Board of the local SCLC Chapter, acted as master of ceremonies for the program. The program consisted of speeches, songs, and poems. Students from various high schools and universities participated. The theme of the program, which was carried out in the speeches, was Dr. Martin Luther King's philosophy of justice, brotherhood, and peace.

Source advised the entire program was orderly and was favorably received by the audience. There were no problems or incidents which arose during the evening.

 Willie Thomas, local Consul for the Republic of New Africa (RNA) was on the program held at Woodward High School on January 15, 1970. Thomas, who was dressed in African garb, read several poems dealing with the ghetto. Thomas also made the comment that all blacks should unite together. Thomas did not make any statements advocating violence by black people.

A characterization of the Republic of New Africa (RNA) is attached to the Appendix of this memorandum.

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REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (RNA)
CINCINNATI, OHIO

A source advised on February 17, 1959, that the Cincinnati Consulate of the Republic of New Africa is located in the residence of Willie Thomas, 3417 Trimble Avenue, Cincinnati. This Consulate is an affiliate of the national organization of the Republic of New Africa, and subscribes to the same extremist aims and purposes, which are to be revolutionary in nature, obtain international recognition, and to obtain assistance from other black nations of the world.

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REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA

A source has advised that the Republic of New Africa (RNA) is an all-Negro organization founded in Detroit, Michigan, in March, 1968. Robert F. Williams, who was then residing in Peking, China, was named as its President-in-Exile. Williams fled the United States in 1961 following issuance of a local warrant for his arrest on a charge of kidnapping growing out of a racial incident in Monroe, North Carolina. He published and broadcast hate-type material in Cuba and China prior to his return to the United States in September, 1969.

A second source has advised that the purpose of the RNA is to establish an independent black nation within the United States, demanding the States of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina, in addition to \$10,000.00 per black citizen as payment for 400 years of ancestral slave labor.

A third source advised on March 14, 1969, that an army of the RNA, known as the Black Legion, dedicated to black freedom and committed to the concept of systematic armed revolution, has been established. Black Legion members are expected to participate in military training and engage in firearms practice. The RNA plans to establish an underground Black Legion in addition to an aboveground Black Legion in order to avoid detection by the police.

According to this source, Black Legion members, acting as bodyguards at a session of the Second National Convention of the RNA in Detroit, Michigan, on March 29, 1969, were involved in a shoot-out with members of the Detroit Police Department, which resulted in the killing of one policeman and the critical wounding of another.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cincinnati, Ohio
January 26, 1970

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Title BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.
WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL, CINCINNATI, OHIO
JANUARY 15, 1970

Character RACIAL MATTER

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Reference Letterhead Memorandum of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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[REDACTED] who has not yet furnished sufficient
information to determine his reliability.

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February 4, 1970

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100-106670-3720


Springfield, Oregon 97477

Dear 

I received your letter on February 2nd.

With respect to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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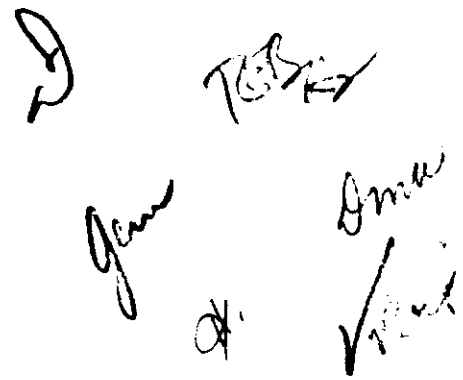
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Jan. 20, 70

Dear Sir,

I have a 11 year old boy who is listening to records at his school about Martin L. King, and all they do is praise the man. I cant see where he did a damn bit of good except get a bunch of trouble goin and then get himself & his good name the hell out of town before the bomb went off.

Now my boy needs proof or letters from the F.B.I. before he can make a report on him. Personaly I would like to cramm that record down that teachers throat. Is it true that he attended 12 known commie meeting? I would appriate any info you could send me. If Im wrong I'll have some tough explaining to do.

Thank you

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Springfield, Oregon 97477

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CORRESPONDENCE

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January 28, 1970

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Phoenix, Arizona 85031

Dear [REDACTED]

The communication of January 19th from you and your son has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Phoenix, Arizona 85031

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19 January 1970

Office of Information
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. -20027-

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an article clipped from a throw
away paper delivered to our home the end of last
week.

We would appreciate your advising us (my son
and me) and to the authenticity of the article.

We will appreciate your early reply.

Very sincerely,

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Weekly American
15 Jan 1970

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

s/s

REC-95
JAN 28 1970
FBI

Manchester Union-Leader

M.L. King

It now appears that the government was listening in on the telephone conversations of Martin Luther King. It appears also that the wire-tapping of this supposedly "non-violent" black "martyr" was authorized by none other than Robert F. Kennedy, then attorney general.

So far, this is of no particular interest because this newspaper has long told its readers that M. L. King was not what he purported to be and that neither was Bobby Kennedy. That ruthless little individual was quite capable of putting a wiretap on his own mother's phone.

What is interesting is that partial disclosures reveal that King was in direct contact with some of the most influential Communist contacts in the United States. As reported by our Washington columnist, Paul Scott, the FBI has been able to confirm that Kremlin agents whose influence extends into the highest ranks of the Communist Party were King's ghost writers and chief advisers on protest strategy.

Martin Luther King well understood with whom he was dealing, because several pictures taken by the FBI show King meeting Communist operators at one of the major United States airports instead of at his office or home.

The FBI, according to Scott, ran into the King connection while investigating another national security case. When King's name was mentioned several times by persons under surveillance, it was decided to put the civil rights leader under close observation.

So alarming was what was learned about King that House Speaker John McCormack was informed. This briefing caused Speaker McCormack to make extensive preparations to defend Washington against King's plans to cause massive disruption.

Those who heard the playing of the tapes were shocked at the gutter-type language King used in private conversations about the late President John F. Kennedy. Yet, King's leadership task was to give

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the overall movement an acceptable "image" that would attract millions of Negroes, young people, the poor, the clergy, and those disenchanting with the Vietnam War.

Thus has been confirmed completely the concept of Martin Luther King which this newspaper has relayed to its readers.

In view of this partial disclosure, this newspaper feels that it is high time the FBI be ordered by the proper authorities to release the entire context of the King conversations. They should exclude only those parts which would compromise our national security.

It is pathetic to see the people, both black and white, misled by the publicity and propaganda surrounding M. L. King into believing him to be something he was not. Such delusions are dangerous to the national security.

It is time for the public to be told the truth!

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January 29, 1970

Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on January 26th.

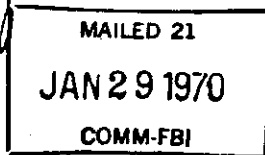
In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]
Homewood, Illinois 60430
January 17, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A friend of mine says she has a friend who worked for the FBI and who told her about photographs showing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a "Training School" in Moscow of someplace in the U. S. S. R.

Of course this is absurd and a transparent and vicious attempt to discredit the work of Dr. King. -But I would like a letter stating the truth of the matter so I can prove to my friend that you are anxious to put such a rumor to rest.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED] b7(c)

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Homewood, Illinois
January 17, 1970 ⁶⁰⁴³⁰

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CORRESPONDENCE

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January 26, 1970

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Brooklyn, New York 11220

Dear [REDACTED]

On January 21st I received the newspaper clippings and I want you to know that your thoughtfulness in furnishing these is appreciated.

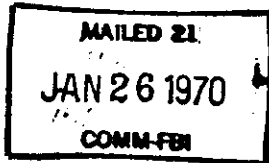
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 21, 1970

The attached clipping from the
Brooklyn Spectator was sent to
the Director from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York 11220.
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MR. DELOACH ✓
MR. WALTERS ✓
MR. MOHR ✓
MR. BISHOP ✓
MR. CASPER ✓
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MISS GANDY ✓

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Letters to the Editor

Address letters to
THE EDITOR,
BROOKLYN SPECTATOR
8320 THIRD AV.
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11209

Why Holiday For King?

Editor:

Yesterday, January 15, more than a million New York City school children lost another school day, without sufficient reason, to commemorate the birthday of a "King" in this Republic. Actually, this "King" was no king at all but a shrewd demagogue with a dialectic tongue, preaching a peacenik peace through the right side of his mouth and stirring revolutionaries by whispering to the left.

It is one of the ominous signs of our times that the Liberal "New Left" is trying to make us forget the revolutionary upheaval of his followers and allies after this black fuhrer's death and to create a civic worship of an unworthy citizen who caused more trouble than anything else. Why this hypocrisy? Would this unite the country? Or is it just designed to break the backbones of our children? Why should they celebrate someone without sufficient merit?

Washington's Birthday can be used to commemorate the significance of our first President and all his successors. That makes sense. Besides, some Americans may want to remember in a special way General Lee or Lincoln. Even that can have its significance. Lincoln advocated justice "that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth."

Is not Lincoln sufficient? Obviously not to the Liberals (what a misnomer!). They are secretly hoping that "the nation shall, without God, have a new birth of white middle-class slavery, and that someday their government for the mob, without the people, against the people, shall overcome all forces of good upon this earth" in a form of some universal dictatorship of the deep red hue, camouflaged by a blue UN flag.

King, on one hand, called himself a Christian, on the other he supported practically each and every Communist scheme, and his close associates were as red as hell. Whoever extols him for his role of minister is also elevating his revolutionary red shirt, and there is the danger.

Granted the black Americans are searching for their identity, for a symbol of their ethnic group, but it would be better if they had someone else who could not be accused of having subversive overtones. If they would have a parade on a fixed Saturday of every year like many other ethnic groups, say in honor of an American army officer, a colored man who bravely gave his life while fighting against the Nazis or against the Communists, many people would be sympathetic to their cause. Esteem cannot be enforced.

We conservatives who cherish the memory of one of the great Americans of this century, Senator Joseph R. McCarthy have

been modestly keeping him for ourselves. Besides, nobody seemed to do anything out of proportion these last two weeks when there was occasion to celebrate the far more significant birthdays of FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover and our esteemed President Nixon. And so far, not much is known about any plans to raise our voices to cheer our courageous Vice President, Spiro T. Agnew, on his birthday. He certainly deserves ovations for his unflinching stand against biased TV reports, exposed so well in Alan Dale's column "Wake Up America" in The SPECTATOR.

Somebody might object that King was shot to death. But he was not the only American killed

by an assassin, either here or in the Korean and Vietnamese war ambuscades. When President Kennedy was killed by a Communist murderer, we mourned; we were concerned for our nation and felt sorry for his family. When King was shot to death, I don't think there was anyone who would not pity his family. I did. But for his leftist ideology I do not give a dam.

Prof. Sidney Z. Rutar
Bay Ridge

Editor:

Our boys are being killed by Communists, and a national holiday for Martin Luther King would be a national disgrace and a betrayal of them.

A Christian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Have you got a gripe that you'd like to air? Or perhaps you have an opinion that ought to be shared with our readers. Just write a Letter To The Editor. We love to get them, and they are printed (free of course) as space permits. If you do not wish your name and address printed, we will honor your request - but please tell us who you are, anyway. Send letters to The Editor, SPECTATOR, 8320 Third Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209.

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Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the birthday greetings and best wishes expressed in your letter of January 16th.

With respect to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

January 16, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This writer, who arrived on the American scene around the turn of the century and just a few years after you, never thought he would live to see this Country get into the sorry condition it is today. It serves no purpose to reiterate these innumerable and intolerable conditions to anyone, for I think there is scarcely a mature, dedicated American anywhere who is not aware of the fact that we do have a "Sorry State of the Union".

One of the many things I am completely "fed-up" with is this unceasing effort of these "bleeding hearts" and "do-gooders" who are constantly trying to shove the late Martin Luther King, Jr. further down our throats - in fact it has become a distinctly nauseating matter to this writer, simply because I know this "late advocate of non-violence" for just what he was. Only recently the SCLC's third-ranking leader, the Rev. C. K. Steele of Tallahassee, asked Governor Kirk to declare yesterday, Thursday, January 15th a holiday, but Governor Kirk politely said "no". Last night the editorial eulogy on the ABC broadcast was completely sickening. Surely these people who constantly sing praises of this man must know they are hypocritical, just as King was himself and I consider it an insult to my intelligence when I am subjected to such unadulterated tripe being broadcasted by people who should know better. I recall several years ago when King had the unmitigated gall and effrontery to suggest that you had "outlived your usefulness as the director of the FBI" and that you should "step down". I also recall that, according to press reports that I read that you had stated that King was "a notorious liar". I also understand, on good authority, that a tape-recorded record reposes in the files of the FBI, covering some of King's conversations at various times with questionable (Communists, either actual or sympathizers) characters. It was a well-known fact that this man worked alongside men with histories of communist involvement and was a bitter foe of the USA and severely condemned our anti-communist struggle in Vietnam. Years ago when Kennedy rolled out the red carpet for Mr. Ben Bella when he went to Washington, King tried his level best to get an opportunity to confer with that gentleman, but I understand he failed to make contact. This Bella, as you will recall, let off a blast of hatred against us as soon as he arrived in Cuba to greet Castro.

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I consider myself a dedicated American and I thoroughly resent whitewash in every respect and I believe this myth about this so-called "peaceful and non-violent" man should be exploded. I personally heard King on the TV when he was busily stirring up trouble here in St. Augustine several years ago when he said flat out that he "would not obey" any law that he "considered unjust" which subsequently set the stage for his brand of "non-violence" throughout our Country.

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Just about everywhere King went all around the country, he left nothing but trouble behind him and the Negroes of this country, particularly those in the North, reached the conclusion that they could do whatever they wanted with impunity and they have lost no time in doing just that. In the light of subsequent events since King's death, his (King's) actions are largely responsible for the wave of anarchy, looting, vandalism and other despicable activities that have swept our Country, and I think the time is long past when this man should have been labeled for what he was and not what he wanted his followers to think he was.

In closing I want to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the attainment of your seventy-fifth birthday and I hope you will have the good fortune of reaching many more. I hope you may have an opportunity of answering my letter soon, and I also would appreciate an expression of your ideas as to whether or not all of the available information on King be made public. I can think of no better service that could be performed in our Country in the interest of the destruction of hypocrisy and double standards which seem to be in great supply this day and time, throughout our Nation.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours

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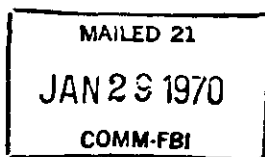
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 22nd, with
enclosure.

With respect to your inquiry, at a press conference
on November 18, 1964, I stated that Martin Luther King was the most
notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly dis-
torted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights
investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

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which is a religious tract published by Life Messengers of Seattle, Washington.
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J. Edgar Hoover Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A report is being
broadcast in this area that you
called Martin Luther King a liar.
If this is not so I desire to counter
the reports. Will you please confirm
or deny this report.
If you desire to do neither, will
you please inform where I can secure
this information.

Sincerely,

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Please Pass along - signed
George Washington Foregaw

AMERICA BURNED and INVADED

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The account of this vision was given in 1859 by an old soldier. He gave it to a writer, Wesley Bradshaw, who published it. In the vision God

revealed to George Washington that three great perils would come upon the Republic. He was given to know that America was going through the first peril at that time. The old soldier who told the story of the vision said that the nation would soon see the account verified by the second peril descending upon the land.

We make this publishing of the vision because we believe the third, and greatest peril prophesied, is about to strike America. We will all do well to take heed and make all necessary preparation!

We give the account here as it was reprinted in the U.S. war veterans' paper *The National Tribune*, in December 1880. *The National Tribune* is now *The Stars and Stripes*. This article was reprinted in *The Stars and Stripes* December 21, 1950. Here is the report of this phenomenal, and most important heavenly message for us at this hour. Wesley Bradshaw wrote—

* * *

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more.

Withheld Message Disclosed

"Let us go into the hall," he said. "I want to tell you of an incident of Washington's life—one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified."

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation."

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more

than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

An Uninvited Guest

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes."

"By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak, but my tongue had become useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor."

"Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion."

The Revelation

"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended an arm eastward. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay, spread out in one vast plain, all the countries of the world—Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.'"

"At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some over Europe. Immediately a cloud arose from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For awhile it remained stationary, and then it moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. (This may be interpreted to have been the Revolutionary War then in progress.)"

A Great Victory

"A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view."

"A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.'"

"And this time the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward. From Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word 'Union.' He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the divided nation and said, 'Remember, ye are brethren.'"

"Instantly the inhabitants, casting down their weapons, became friends once more and united around the National Standard."

"Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa."

Frightful — Incredible

"Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by

which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up."

"As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast."

Heaven Intervenes

"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'Union,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle."

"Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious."

"Then once more, I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'Union' he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down said, 'Amen.'"

The Future

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted.'"

Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful for her is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union. With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress, and destiny of the United States."

"Such, my friends," the venerable narrator concluded, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them."

Just Ahead — What?

In the words of Anthony Sherman we state, "Mark the prediction, you will soon see it fulfilled." Read the prophecy and statement below, given by Dmitry Z. Manuisky, professor at the Lenin School of Political Warfare in Moscow, Russia, 1930. Notice how it fits the events now taking place. Keep in mind the fact that the Communists' original date for world take-over was 1973, but now they estimate they are several years ahead of schedule. He stated:

"War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in thirty or forty years. To win, we shall need the element of surprise. The Western world will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

And in spite of this warning we are almost daily hearing of new concessions and surrenders America is making to the Communists. At this writing we are going down the road to what will positively result in surrender to the enemy. That course must be changed if the prophecy given George Washington is to come true. And we believe this will soon happen. However, it is evident that when we do not surrender the enemy will attack. This will mean death to millions in America before it's over.

The Bible clearly predicts that Jesus Christ will return to this earth and rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords for one thousand years. However, before that rule begins, just previous to it, the Bible prophesies that there will be a time of tribulation and bloodshed such as this world has never seen.

Where Is Your Future?

The main issue is, where will you personally be when it's all over? Whether you die because of war or by other means is immaterial. The great and awful truth which confronts every one of us is, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27. We will all surely die by one means or another, and it may be sooner than we think. Are you ready to be judged by God? Are you sure?

The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It also states, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We have all rebelled against our God and gone our own ways. But God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to become His sin-offering for us, dying in our place, that God in righteousness might forgive those who call upon Him.

We quoted from the Apostle Peter at the beginning of this article, from the second chapter of the book of Acts in the New Testament. Notice what Peter says in continuation. He states that God declares, "And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire, and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." God has given His warning, and the day is upon us.

Through Peter's pen God promises that all who sincerely call upon Him for forgiveness will be saved. Peter also stated, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, consider the kind of lives you ought to live, how you ought to serve God!" You may be living now to obtain wealth, pleasure and ease. But all these things shall be burned up and destroyed! Then what will you have, and where will you be?

Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Surrender your heart to God while He gives you life and opportunity to do so. Tomorrow may be forever too late!

We Have Today

"Prepare to meet thy God!" The Bible says.

God's message to man. Read it! Start reading with the Book of Luke in the New Testament, and when you have finished the volume then read the first two books Matthew and Mark.

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Help us to get this warning to one and all across America and Canada. Time is truly short. Send \$1 for 12 copies of this message plus four other vital messages for you in booklet form. Ask for Packet GW when ordering. Larger quantity prices of this vital message are listed below. The 4 booklets have vital messages for you.

We live in the greatest time this world has ever known. Let us each make sure we also live to enjoy God's great kingdom forever. This is your chance to really live! Don't miss it! Destruction, and hell, await those who refuse to repent and surrender to God. But life in such glorious measure as we have never known it before awaits those who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and their Lord. "Behold, now is the day of salvation."

For prophecy references read Acts 1:9-11, Revelation 19:11-16, Revelation chapter 20, and the 24th chapter of Matthew.

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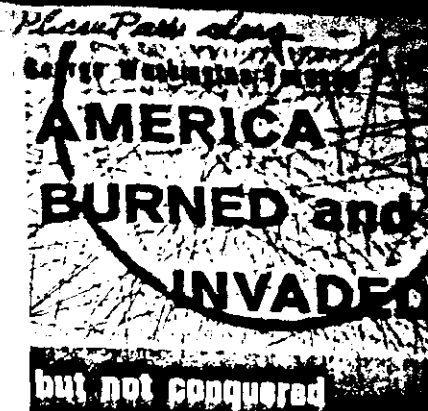
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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your kind sentiments and birthday greetings and I hope 1970 will be filled with happiness for you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Bridport, Vermont
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Dear Mr. Hoover, ^{b7(c)}

^{b7(c)} I am writing to you because I have a problem. My 5th grade teacher, [REDACTED] has some leftist ideas. He thinks Martin Luther King was a pretty good guy. I read somewhere that Martin Luther King, belonged to some communist-fronts. Is this true? Could you send me some material so I could show my teacher that communism is a threat to our country. I would appreciate it if you could send it to me. May God bless you in your fight to keep America free.

^{b7(c)} Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

P.S. I hope you had a Happy Birthday.

[REDACTED]
Bridport, Vermont, 05731

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Honorable John J. Duncan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

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Your communication of January 23rd,
enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] of Knoxville, Tennessee, has been received. b7(c)

While I would like to be of assistance to
your constituent, information concerning the alleged
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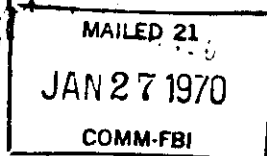
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JOHN J. DUNCAN
20 DISTRICT, TENNESSEE

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Congress of the United States
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attached is a letter from a constituent of mine
inquiring about information which the FBI "reportedly
has compiled on Martin Luther King."

I will appreciate your reply suitable for for-
warding to this citizen.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. DUNCAN
Member of Congress

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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 1/14/70.

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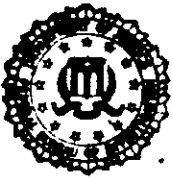
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North Carolina, dated January 14, 1970, captioned as above.

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[REDACTED] advised on January 15, 1970, that captioned
parade was held as scheduled and involved approximately one
hundred five Negroes and three whites. The marchers carried
signs with captions such as, "Black Power," "Freedom Now,"
and "Remember MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Died for Freedom." There
were less than ten adults in the parade and the remainder were
high school age children and younger.

The parade was under police escort and followed a
predetermined course to the Pitt County Courthouse. It was
led by JESSE LEE DANIELS, Field Secretary, Pitt County Chapter
of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). At the
courthouse, the following individuals made brief speeches about
injustices to Negroes in Greenville and the United States:

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MEMORIAL PARADE
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 15, 1970
TO HONOR BIRTHDATE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JESSE LEE DANIELS, Greenville, North Carolina

DONOVAN PHILLIPS, Greenville, North Carolina

GEORGE GARRETT, Greenville, North Carolina

BENNIE ROUNDTREE, Greenville, North Carolina
Vice President of the Pitt County Chapter of SCLC.

JAMES RUFUS BARROW, Washington, North Carolina

The parade was orderly. There were no arrests
or incidents.

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JAN 5, 1970

DEAR SIR,

ENCLOSED IS A PAMPHLET TITLED "THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING".

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR OPINION OF THIS PAMPHLET AS TO WHETHER IT IS FACT OR JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION ABOUT KING.

WOULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR OPINION ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING, WAS HE A COMMUNIST OR A LOYAL AMERICAN, OR WHAT?

WOULD YOU ALSO SEND ME SOME LITERATURE ABOUT KING THAT WOULD TELL ALL THE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH HE BELONGED TO, AND ANY OTHER LITERATURE CONCERNING HIM.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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January 23, 1970

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La Mesa, California 92041

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on January 20th.

In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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V. Carter

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Martain I'm a 14 year old girl attending Helix High School in LaMesa, Calif. I am writting you to obtain information about Martain Luther King. We had a discussion in class and I told my teacher that Martain Luther King was a communist. He said he wanted proof so I am asking you to please send me documentation on Martain Luther Kings Known affiliations with communist groups.

Sincerely
yours,

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LaMesa, Calif. 92041

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Dear Mr. Hoover,
I'm a 14 year old girl attending Helix High School in La Mesa, Calif. I am writing you to obtain information about Martin Luther King. We had a discussion in class and I told my teacher that Martin Luther King was a communist. He said he wanted proof so I am asking you please send me documentation on Martin Luther King's known affiliations with communist groups.

Sincerely,

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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b7(c) Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936

Dear [REDACTED]

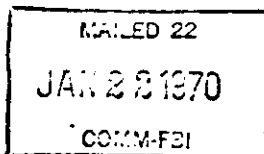
Thank you for the kind sentiments expressed in
your letter of January 14th.

With respect to your inquiries concerning
Martin Luther King, the information in the files of the FBI
must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regula-
tions of the Department of Justice.

As the head of a strictly investigative agency of
the Federal Government, it would not be proper for me to com-
ment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA 33936

January 14, 1970

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been elected a Commissioner to the [redacted] b7(c)
[redacted], to be held
this coming spring. In the
course of this Assembly it has been suggested that a
memorial service be given for Reverend Martin Luther King,
deceased. I have never been a "lover" nor a particular
supporter of Mr. King's views. I would greatly appreciate
your sending me any information you might have which would
help me gain a greater insight into this man's life; also,
I would like to know whether you feel I should take a stand
against the proposed memorial service.

Thanking you again for all of your past favors and
wishing for you and yours the very best. May God bless
you real good.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 1970

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Belmar, New Jersey 07719

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of January 15th concerning Martin Luther King, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that he was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]
Belmar, New Jersey
January 15, 1970 07719

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

An article in the January 14th issue (Letters to the Editor) of The Asbury Park Press stated that you felt Dr. Martin Luther King was a liar.

I am quite sure you must have a basis for this statement. As a concerned citizen and teacher I would appreciate any help you can give me in ascertaining whether this man was the hero he is being made or not. If he is not what the papers and schools say he is, then I think it's time the people knew. As a history teacher I feel obligated to guide my students correctly.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Building
Washington, D.C.

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you can give me in ascertaining
whether this man was the

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Hebron, Indiana 46341

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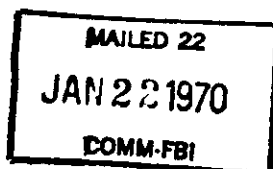
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on January 19th and I want to thank you for your prayers and kind comments concerning my work.

In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

With respect to your other inquiry, you may wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." They may be available at your local library.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material which I trust will be of help to you.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
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Mr. Tolson_____
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Hebron, Indiana 46341
January 14, 1980

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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It has been some years since I corresponded with you, in fact it was back in 1953 when I needed some information from you to use in a Teen-Age Convocation.

I am again writing you for further information but along a little different vein.

Following are three requests that I would like to have you help if you will:

1. The subject of Dr. Martin Luther King came up the other day and I just did not have an documented information to back up my contention that he was not the foremost celebrity in the last 10 years, and that as far as I was concerned he was communistic and also not a christian to my way of thinking. Do you have something official that I could use in the future?

2. The subject of Communism always presents itself in some way or another. Again, what textbook or textbooks either written by their own people or something written by a non-communist that would be helpful are available?

3. Any other information available that I may be able to inject into my sermons here and there that is pertinent to christian living and the christians' responsibility would also be appreciated.

Please let me hear from you soon. I am so glad to read that you will stay on in your present responsibility. We need you as long as you are available. We always remember those in authority over us in our prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Gary, Indiana

JAN 19 1970

CORRESPONDENCE

My home address is indicated above. You may send information to either place, preferably to my home in Hebron, Indiana.

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January 21, 1970

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Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

Dear [REDACTED]

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I received your letter and enclosure on January 19th. In response to your inquiry, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

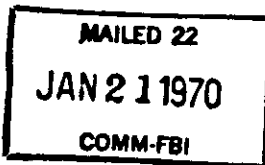
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Jersey 08033

January 14, 1970

Public Relations Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

gentlemen:

Enclosed is a clipping from Linn's Stamp News of Monday, December 22, 1969. One letter to the editor which I have marked reads:

"Why "honor" a person (Martin Luther King) whom the director of the F.B.I. termed "the most notorious liar in America"!

I would be interested to know if "the director of the F.B.I. " is correctly quoted & in what context. As a member of the local [REDACTED] have been exposed to the suggestion that we observe a Martin Luther King Day.

Thank you for enlightening me.

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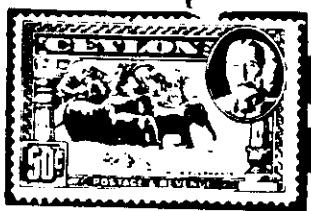
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Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

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January 14, 1970

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
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Public Relations Officer
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

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Martin Luther King

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a clipping from *Teen's*
Stamp News of Monday, December 22, 1969.
 One letter to the editor which I have
 marked reads:

"Why 'honor' a person (Martin Luther King)
 whom the Director of the F. B. I. termed 'the
 most notorious liar in America'!"

I would be interested to know if "the
 Director of the F. B. I." is correctly quoted & in
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 the suggestion that we observe a Martin
 Luther King Day.

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Thank you for enlightening me.

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'In The Beginning God ...'

"In the beginning God ..." These words were impressed indelibly upon the television audience of the United States Christmas Eve of 1968 when the crew of Apollo 8 read the Genesis Creation account while achieving history's first lunar orbit. Then this great moment in history and its relation to the beginning were engraved for all time with the appearance of the Apollo 8 commemorative stamp on May 5, 1969. The design is based upon a color photograph made by the Apollo 8 astronauts during the Christmas season. It shows the lunar surface and planet Earth in a black sky. The words from Genesis, "In the beginning God ..." appear on the design between the surface of the moon



Letters To The Editor

I'd like to express the appreciation of the board of directors of the United Postal Stationery Society for the continued exposure of fake errors of U.S. postal cards. Your article in Linn's Nov. 24th issue, and others you have printed, have helped 'clear the air' for many of our younger members.

These deliberate fakes being made by unscrupulous persons hurts Philately. We have incorporated such a fake in our slide-tape presentation as a warning not to be suckered into buying such junk. When I show the presentation I refer to your articles.

Clark H. Stevens
Chrm. of Board,
Belleair, Fla.

The criticism of the Apollo 11 stamp design by W. E. Speakman Jr. (Linn's, Nov. 24) appears to be based on the erroneous assumption that the moon shines by light reflected from the earth.

The moon actually shines by reflected sunlight, hence, in the case of an astronaut standing in the center of the moon's light side, it is the sun, not the earth, which would appear directly overhead.

Where the earth would then appear depends on the "phase" of the moon; that is, on the position of the moon in its orbit around the earth. For an astronaut in the above situation, the earth would appear on his horizon when the moon's phase was first or third quarter.

Dr. John D. Wyndham
Math & Physics Dept.
Pepperdine College
Los Angeles, Calif.

I feel too much time is spent on articles about topical collecting as compared to postal history or various countries. I collect Switzerland, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam and have seen very few articles about

To put it plainly, that column stinks! I want to see more upcoming first flight covers.

Jack Irwin
Brooklyn, N.Y.

I have been reading Linn's for over five years in three different countries. I am now a member of a US-German Stamp Club in Stuttgart, Germany. I have been taking my Linn's to the meetings with me. A lot of my German friends are reading it and I think before long you will be getting subscriptions from some of them.

Your paper is a great way to show to people in other countries what the American stamp collector is doing. Any chance I get I will be telling people about Linn's.

S/Sgt. Robert J. Shultz
APO New York 00131

As an answer to Ronald Crowe's letter in Linn's October 13, I will only say that he and other GI's in the veterans hospitals in the United States have only to send a note to me and I will send stamps from the whole world.

Jorgen Lonn
Hastskogat 11;
S-582-53 Lindkopang,
Sweden

In reference to the article in Linn's Nov. 3, concerning the "astronomical" error in the moon stamp, may I say the error is that the earth appears near the moon's horizon when in reality it would have been more nearly directly above the point of the landing.

Because the moon always has its same side facing the earth, the earth is always directly above a point near the direct center of the moon as we view it. Therefore the error in the stamp is not how the earth

having the earth on the stamp at all!

Robert C. Duke
Woodbury Hts., N.J.

Aw, come on fellows. You must be putting us on! I can't believe there is actually anyone as naive as Stuart Gelman (Nov. 3 letter) appears to be. 10 1/2 million FDC and he wants us to believe the post office, trying to dig its way out of this mountain of requests, should have known he "somehow managed" to send 40c for 50c worth of covers and therefore should have smelled this one letter out of all those millions, dug it out and called him, maybe?

I agree there is no excuse for what transpired, Stuart, old chap. Next time when the stamps cost 50c, try sending that amount and see what happens.

Carl L. Shute
Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska

One of the standard phrases (or something similar) in most auction catalogs reads: "Each lot is sold as genuine, but when (Continued on Page 37)"

'Appelbaum's Corner...'

No. 373 in
A Series

I am not one who is easily inclined to anger, but I am now angry. I am angry because a few Collectors and dealers objected to a modest admission fee to the SEPAD National Stamp Exhibition. First, might I ask where can you go in America and gain free admission to any desirable exhibition?



Leonard E. Buckley to design the stamp was taken only a few score miles above the lunar surface. Garber Hogginsbothen. This gives those who look at the lunar surface stretching to the horizon the feeling of being there.

The black sky, the beauty of the multicolored earth and the words of the Scripture, seem to us a fitting revelation of great truth.

The stamp symbolizes — and shows — some facts of life that are important in this century when man has the capability of mass self-destruction.

Recently a federal district judge in Austin, Texas, dismissed a lawsuit by an atheist which sought the banning of prayers and Bible reading in future space flights.

The person who filed the suit against the National Aeronautics and Space Administration complained Bible reading and prayers said during the Apollo 8 and Apollo 11 missions violated constitutional provisions prohibiting establishment of a state religion.

In his six-page decision the judge said prohibiting the astronauts from making these statements would have been a violation of their own religious rights.

The fact that the Apollo 8 astronauts climaxed their technological triumph of circling the moon with acknowledgement to the existence of our Judo-Christian God demonstrates the basic belief common to the majority of mankind — a belief in a Supreme Being. It is more than a fortunate coincidence that this almost universal belief in God was noted upon a postage stamp.

Regardless of religious or political persuasion, stamps can be a means to bring nations and people together — to discuss not only their problems but also the aspirations and the pleasures they hold in common.

A few years ago Mexico and the United States issued stamps of the same design on the 150th anniversary of Mexican Independence. A little more than a half a century earlier the two nations were literally at each other's throats.

Spain and the United States fought each other near the end of the last century. The two nations issued in 1965 stamps with identical design marking the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Florida.

The traditional friendship between Canada and the United States has been noted by stamps on several occasions. In 1959 Canada and the U.S. simultaneously issued a stamp of similar design to note opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The U.S. also issued a stamp in 1967 honoring the centenary of Canada's emergence as a nation.

We stamp collectors — who travel the world and who cross religious and nationalistic boundaries through our stamps — know our stamps are a key to understanding other cultures and other religions.

The Apollo 8 stamp demonstrates to the world the fact that 20th century men — scientifically trained and courageous men who venture into space — are willing to profess publicly their firm belief in a Supreme Being.

issue news.

There also seems to be much more space devoted to ads than before you people took over. This is fine if you collect the whole world, but I collect only a few countries. I am sure this must be the case with most people because there are just too many countries and stamps to collect the entire world.

I would like to see more articles along the educational lines such as cover collecting (general), stamp papers and printing, annotating album pages, literature available, specialization, etc. etc. You could do much to make collectors aware of pitfalls in the hobby and how to avoid them and how to start and develop a specialized collection and many other things. Don't let the dealers take over, benefit the collectors too!

Donn Lueck
Phoenix, Ariz.

From a recent issue I note two proposals for new commemoratives:

1) To honor Rev. Martin Luther King. Why "honor" a person whom the director of the FBI termed "the most notorious liar in America!" Also, whose non-violent marches ended up in violence.

2) Senator Robert Kennedy. A man who once said he would be glad to donate his blood to the Vietcong.

Please print this for to some this is not a very popular expression but it's time those who disagree with the present trend have an outlet for their views.

Scott Nixon
Augusta, Ga.

When Linn's doesn't come, it is missed — and I check up only to find, as usual, I did not renew. Here it is!

James J. Gallagher
Erie, Penna.

Although I am renewing, I would like to see the abolition of the column EPO Clutterbox. I think it is pure trash and junk.

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MARCH AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
 1/15/70, COMMEMORATING BIRTHDAY
 OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 RM

Re Birmingham teletypes to Director 1/14/70 and 1/15/70,
 captioned "NATIONAL MARCH COMMEMORATING BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER
 KING, JR., JANUARY 15, 1970; RM."

The title of this communication is being changed to
 reflect activity of Birmingham, Alabama, only.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letter-
 head memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Atlanta is being furnished one copy of this LHM for
 information.

Copies of LHM have been disseminated locally to the
 military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, and
 U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
January 16, 1970

**RE: MARCH AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
JANUARY 15, 1970, COMMEMORATING
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

The following was observed by Special Agents
of the FBI at Birmingham, Alabama, on January 15, 1970:

A march of approximately 353 persons, consisting of men, women and children, predominantly Negro, marched, beginning at 2:30 P.M. from the Metropolitan CME Church, 1600 Avenue K, Ensley, Birmingham, to the First Baptist Church, 415 Avenue G, Pratt City, Birmingham, Alabama, arriving at the First Baptist Church in Pratt City at approximately 3:45 P.M. Birthday memorial services were held in the First Baptist Church, Pratt City, Birmingham, beginning at 3:45 P.M. and estimated attendance was 455 persons.

A program distributed to the marchers and those in attendance at the Memorial Service described the march and services as "Birthday Memorial Service Commemorating Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., sponsored by the Ensley-Pratt City Branch, NAACP." Sponsors were Reverend H. L. PARKER, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pratt City, and Reverend F. N. NIXON, President of the NAACP. The services were completed at 5:24 P.M., and no incidents were observed during either the march or the services.

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to the inquiry in your letter of
January 16th, information concerning allegations against
Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be
released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding
all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Wash, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I've talked myself right into a corner , and need your help to get out. I want to know wether I'm right or wrong.

There's talk in Oregon of petitioning our Gov. (McCall) to declare the birthday of Martin Luther King, a LEGAL holiday. I think this is absurd. I contend Martin Luther King was NOT the good person many are "conned" into believing he was. I contend his "peace", and "brotherly love" speeches were, in most part, prepared for him by a "card-carrying" communist, and that his appeals for non-violence were usually followed by violence, with King conveniently disappearing before this happened. Also, is there anything in your files concerning his activities with a stolen-car-ring? I think Mr. King was one of the worst hypocrites of our time, but I need more than my big mouth to present to Gov. McCall in protest.

Thanking you very much for any information you can send me,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Portland, Oregon 97206

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-NEW)

NEGRO STUDENTS MARCH IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S
BIRTHDAY, PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN
SEVENTY, RACIAL MATTERS.

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FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JANUARY FIFTEEN
NINETEEN SEVENTY:

AT ABOUT ELEVEN A.M., JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY,
APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS OF SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL
(ALL NEGRO) LEFT CLASSES AND MARCHED TO THE CIVIC CENTER
LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN PINE BLUFF. THEY SANG AND PRAYED IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.
THEREAFTER, THEY MARCHED ALONG MAIN STREET AND THEY DIS-
PERSED. THIS MARCH WAS CONDUCTED IN A PEACEFUL MANNER.
THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARRESTS.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
AGENCIES, SECRET SERVICE, AND U.S. ATTORNEY, LITTLE ROCK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*
FROM : Mr. R. D. Cotter *RC*
SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION, 1-15-70,
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.,
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. J. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: January 16, 1970

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
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Previous memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, 1-9-70, set forth information regarding activities to observe King's birthday on 1-15-70, which activities were to call for an end to "repression and genocide."

No massive demonstrations were staged on 1-15-70 in connection with King's birthday but memorial services were held in a number of cities across the country including Selma and Birmingham, Alabama; Pine Bluff, Arkansas; San Francisco, California; Denver, Colorado; Atlanta, Georgia; Honolulu, Hawaii; Chicago, Illinois; Richmond, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Buffalo and Staten Island, New York; Lima, Ohio; Portland, Oregon; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; San Antonio, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Washington, D. C.; and Hartford, Connecticut.

No serious difficulties resulted from the services although in Hartford, Connecticut, during ceremonies at Hartford Public High School, a member of the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro street gang, urged students to walk out of the school. Many of the students left the school and disrupted traffic. Other students roamed through the halls of the school and assaulted two teachers. Three female students were arrested. In Chicago, Illinois, there was a high absentee rate among teachers and students in the public schools, particularly the predominantly Negro schools. Many schools closed early and Crane High School remained closed all day. A memorial service was held at the latter school the previous day during which time four fire alarms and one fire occurred at the school.

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RE: COMMEMORATION, 1-15-70,
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.,

causing slight damage. Ninety percent of the students walked out of the school on that date. There were no arrests and it was not determined if the fire alarms and fire were connected with the memorial service activities.

Pertinent portions of the above information have been furnished to the White House, the Vice President, the Attorney General, military intelligence agencies, and Secret Service.

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BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JANUARY FIFTEEN,
SEVENTY, WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

J. F. Moore

RE CINCINNATI TEL DATED JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST,
ADVISED THIS DATE PROGRAM HELD WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
EVENING JANUARY FIFTEEN, LAST, WITH ABOUT ONE THOUSAND ATTENDEES
ABOUT TEN PER CENT WHITE. MAJORITY ATTENDEES WERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
NO INCIDENTS..

G. L. G.
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ADVISED NO SIT-IN OR DEMONSTRATION OF ANY KIND BY
STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS JANUARY FIFTEEN, LAST.

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BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; JANUARY FIFTEEN, SEVENTY; WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

b7(D) SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED [REDACTED] CINCINNATI CHAPTER SCLC TO SPONSOR BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, SEVEN THIRTY P.M., WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL. PUBLIC INVITED. LOCAL CINCINNATI NEWS-PAPER INDICATES SEVERAL AREA SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.

b7(D) [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE TWO TEACHERS, WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL, HEARD RUMOR WOODWARD STUDENTS WILL CONDUCT SIT-IN DURING AM, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, TO PROTEST SCHOOL NOT CLOSING FOR OBSERVANCE. NO INDICATION VIOLENCE INTENDED.

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MEMORIAL MARCH, LEXINGTON, MISS.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter.

Copies of the LHM are being designated for the following: one USA, Jackson, Miss., one Secret Service, Jackson, Miss., one OSI, Jackson, Miss., and two copies MIA, Jackson, Miss.

The Agent observing the march was SA [REDACTED] b7(c)

Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities were advised regarding the march.

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Jackson, Mississippi 39205

January 16, 1970

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMORIAL MARCH, LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI,
JANUARY 15, 1970

The following was observed by a Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation:

On January 15, 1970, at 2:20 p.m. a group of 122 persons composed of two white males, who are known in both the black and white communities, approximately 40 juveniles and the rest being adult Negroes, marched once around the Square at Lexington, Mississippi, a predominately Negro county in north central Mississippi, in commemoration of the birthday of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. A few marchers carried pictures of King. One marcher carried a sign bearing the initials T. A. C., which stood for Tchula Attendance Center. Behind the Negro male carrying this sign were a group of teachers who had formerly taught at the Tchula Attendance Center prior to its being closed.

No arrests or incidents took place as a result of the march. All of the marchers were well dressed, well mannered and the march was conducted in a most dignified fashion.

After circling the Square, the marchers proceeded to the Lexington Attendance Center, where a memorial program was held. This program terminated at approximately 4:30 p.m. En route to the Lexington Attendance Center the number of marchers increased to 155.

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REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMORIAL MARCH, LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI,
JANUARY 15, 1970

Local and state law enforcement officers were on the scene and/or advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM :

Mr. G. C. Moore

SUBJECT :

BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - 1/15/70
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

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Previous memorandum, G. C. Moore to Sullivan, 1/9/70, set forth information regarding activities to observe King's birthday on January 15. Activities were to call for an end to "repression and genocide" with no massive demonstrations planned. This is to furnish additional information received.

An Atlanta source reported that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has not acquired the signatures anticipated on a petition demanding that January 15 be made a national holiday. SCLC is making no large-scale plans for January 15 but hopes to publish a new issue of "Soul Force," official journal of the SCLC, dedicated to King's memory. Other offices report local observances by church and Government officials and the antiwar groups are to be held on King's birthday. Generally these observances are for those interested and legal and school holidays are not being proclaimed. New York City will have a school holiday and church leaders plan a Central Park rally about noon 1/15/70.

In Washington, D. C., the D. C. Committee for a Martin Luther King Holiday, with the D. C. Vietnam Moratorium Committee and the Black Panther Party, announced a program at Howard University from two to six p.m. on 1/15/70. Congressman John Conyers (Democrat of Michigan) and Fanny Lou Hamer, Mississippi civil rights activist, are to speak. A liberal leave policy in the D. C. Government and D. C. schools was announced.

This matter being closely coordinated between the Racial Intelligence and Internal Security Sections, pertinent offices have been instructed to follow plans and activities by teletype. Pertinent information being disseminated to the Department, Secret Service, the White House, and military intelligence agencies.

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Monclair, New Jersey 07042

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 12th is indeed appreciated and I am certainly grateful for your kind sentiments and generous comments about my direction of the FBI.

With respect to the matters you discussed, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

I can understand the concern which prompted you to write and I can assure you we will endeavor to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I write to ask you for your help believing I speak for many millions of other Americans who are fed up with the unreasonable demands of the colored leadership in our country. They show little or no appreciation for the gains made and are daily encouraging more violence which can only end in the destruction of our political institutions if not stopped. Just last week I heard the leader of the NAACP make more demands and stated in effect that if all were not granted, the colored people would destroy our country. Such threats come from ignorance and inflated ego demanding special privileges which should be granted to no one.

Now they are demanding to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. by making a national holiday of the date of his birth. I saw you quoted some time ago as saying that that individual was a "notorious Liar". The very great majority know your integrity and that you speak only the truth, and I hope you will find a way to expose this man for what he really was. If this is not done his influence will grow and lead to more trouble for all our people, and this is the purpose of the communists, and since Sweden has elected a communist Premier whose wife is also a communist may explain why King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The recent release of some FBI files in New Jersey is helping to clear the crooks out of our State and City governments. We need more such exposures.

I have read parts of the report of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, and these show there is a steady escalation of conflict, hostility and violence, leaving no doubt that we have to take action all along the line to save our country, making no concessions to ignorance or disloyalty.

I am in my 82nd year and I am afraid for our beloved country and for the future of my grand children and great grandchildren.

I remember so well the day you took office, and since that day, many years ago, the FBI has grown in stature and esteem throughout the world. You have served our country with so much success and distinction, and now our country needs you more than ever because our survival is at stake.

May God bless you.

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Sincerely yours

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FBI CLEVELAND

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (157-NEW)

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MARCH ON CITY HALL TO PROCLAIM HOLIDAY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING,
LIMA, OHIO, JANUARY FIFTEEN, SEVENTY, RM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE
THAT A GROUP OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED GATHERED AT THE MIZPAH MISSION,
LIMA SOUTH END AND NEGRO GHETTO AREA. THIS GROUP MARCHED
DOWNTOWN TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING AND WAS ABOUT NINETYFIVE
PERCENT NEGRO. STATED MANY OF THE ADULT NEGROES INVOLVED WERE
FROM THE CONCERNED PARENTS GROUP AND NUMEROUS NEGROES WERE
THOSE WISHING TO MAKE THIS DATE A HOLIDAY BECAUSE IT IS MARTIN
LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY. ALSO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BLACK
PANTHER PARTY (BPP), LIMA, OHIO, PARTICIPATED. [REDACTED] STATED
MARCHERS PRESENTED PETITIONS TO MAYOR CHRISTIAN MORRIS REQUESTING
THIS DATE BE DECLARED A HOLIDAY. NO VIOLENCE AT CITY HALL.

THIS TOOK PLACE AT ABOUT ONE FORTYFIVE PM AND BROKE UP AROUND
TWO FORTY PM. ON BREAKING UP, CROWDS DISPERSED INTO SEVERAL
GROUPS. ONE LARGE GROUP WENT TO PUBLIC SQUARE AND ONE HUNDRED
BLOCK MAIN STREET AREA. ONE LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE WINDOW

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BROKEN. POLICE HAD A JUVENILE COURT WARRANT TO ARREST A NEGRO, CHESTER COLE. THEY LOCATED HIM NEAR THE SQUARE AND HE RESISTED AND A CROWD GATHERED. COLE WAS TAKEN TO THE STATION AND GROUP DISBANDED. [REDACTED] ADVISED

A NUMBER OF LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE BPP PARTICIPATED IN THIS MARCH, AND DEMONSTRATION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE AREA.

HE STATED JAMES WILLIAMSON, BRENDA WILLIAMSON, JESSE LATSON, TOM PITTS AND ROBERT SONNY SHURELDS WERE ALL INVOLVED.

[REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES WILLIAMSON AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND BRENDA WILLIAMSON AS SECRETARY, BPP, LIMA, OHIO. SOURCE HAS ALSO IDENTIFIED TOM PITTS, JESSE LATSON AND ROBERT SHURELDS AS MILITANT MEMBERS OF BPP. SAME SOURCE IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNED PARENTS GROUP AS THE GROUP OF ADULT NEGROES WHO HAVE BEEN BOYCOTTING THE SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, LIMA, OHIO, SINCE NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, LAST, IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE OUSTER OF PRINCIPAL JOHN WOLFE BECAUSE OF HIS STRICT DISCIPLINARY MEASURES. THIS GROUP ALSO TRYING TO FORCE THE RESIGNATION OF LIMA, OHIO

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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT EARL MC GOVERN. SOURCE STATED THAT YESTERDAY THIS GROUP HAD SENT TELEGRAMS TO THE MAYOR AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DEMANDING JANUARY FIFTEEN BE DECLARED A HOLIDAY. THIS WAS NOT DONE. AT THIS TIME NO ARRESTS REPORTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COLE.

US SECRET SERVICE, US ATTORNEY AND LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[REDACTED] SOURCE. b7(D)

SA [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE MARCH, THE DEMONSTRATION b7(C)
AT CITY HALL AND THE GATHERING AT THE LIMA PUBLIC SQUARE AREA.

MATTER BEING FOLLOWED AND LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) 1P

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NATIONAL MARCH COMMEMORATING BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
JANUARY FIFTEEN, SEVENTY. RM.

APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FIFTYTHREE PERSONS MARCHED FROM
METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH, SIXTEEN HUNDRED AVENUE K, ENSLEY,
BIRMINGHAM, TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PRATT CITY, BIRMINGHAM, AT
TWO THIRTY PM, THIS DATE. BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL SERVICES WERE HELD
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PRATT CITY, BIRMINGHAM.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS DURING THE MARCH OR SERVICES.

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FROM PITTSBURGH (157-1382)

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ACTIVITIES IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH DAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
PITTSBURGH, PA., JANUARY FIFTEEN SEVENTY. RM.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY THIRTEEN
SEVENTY CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

ON JANUARY FIFTEEN SEVENTY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ACTIVITIES IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR., AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION WERE HELD IN
PITTSBURGH. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS
IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE, USA, SECRET SERVICE AND OSI ALL PITTSBURGH
AND NISO PHILADELPHIA BEING ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION, 1/15/70, BIRTHDAY
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
DATE: 1/9/70

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. R. D. Cotter
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To advise of present plans for the commemoration of 1/15/70, the birthday of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 1/8/70 Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), King's organization, held a press conference on Capitol Hill and proclaimed 1/15/70 a "national people's holiday" in memory of King, calling for black people, poor people and people of good will to stay away from their jobs.

On 1/9/70 the New Mobilization Committee (NMC), an antiwar coordinating group, held a press conference which included SCLC and Black Panther Party (BPP) representatives. It was announced that the NMC, with other national and local organizations, was sponsoring activities on 1/15/70 in 24 cities in the United States calling for an end of repression and genocide against blacks, brown people and Indians. The only cities mentioned were Memphis, Honolulu, San Antonio, Providence, Miami, San Francisco, Louisville, Boston, Buffalo, Burlington, Vermont, Chicago, and Washington, D. C. No details were given. The alleged repression of the BPP, among others, will be protested. The SCLC representative said that group would support the NMC activity but would also take a different approach. A D. C. committee for the Martin Luther King holiday is to hold a press conference on either 1/11 or 1/12/70 concerning activities including a rally at 2 p.m. on 1/15/70, no details set at this time. Planning to date has been limited and does not indicate any massive demonstrations or violence-prone activities.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COMMEMORATION, 1/15/70, BIRTHDAY
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Pertinent offices are being alerted concerning planned activities. We are following closely and will disseminate to the Department, Secret Service, the White House and military intelligence agencies.

ACTION:

For information.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-NEW)

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ACTIVITIES IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
PITTSBURGH, PA., JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT, RM.

ON JANUARY TWELVE NINETEEN SEVENTY, A SOURCE WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUAL
PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN PITTSBURGH ARE PLANNING PROGRAMS IN HONOR OF
THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ON JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT.
HOWEVER, THERE IS NO FORMAL PROGRAM ON A CITY WIDE BASIS FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEING PLANNED. THE SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT
ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL TO ATTEND MEMORIAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE
EXCUSED UPON REQUEST OF THE STUDENTS' PARENTS. THE SOURCE
STATED THAT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) IS HOLDING A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION PROGRAM
AT SCHENLEY HIGH SCHOOL ON JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT PITTSBURGH MAYOR,
PETER F. FLAHERTY, HAD PROCLAIMED JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT AS "DR. b7(D)
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY" IN PITTSBURGH. [REDACTED]
ALSO ADVISED THAT CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
PITTSBURGH ON JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT SINCE THAT HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY AT THE UNIVERSITY BUT THAT NO
SPECIAL PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED AT THE UNIVERSITY.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE, USA, SECRET SERVICE AND OSI, ALL
PITTSBURGH, PA., AND NISO PHILADELPHIA BEING ADVISED. P.

ADMINISTRATIVE: NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115 P

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NATIONAL MARCH COMMEMORATING BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
JANUARY FIFTEEN, SEVENTY. RM.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] THAT PRESIDENT AND VICE
PRESIDENT OF NAACP, ENSLEY BRANCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WILL SPONSOR
MARCH COMMEMORATING BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON JANUARY
FIFTEEN, NEXT, BEGINNING AT TWO THIRTY P.M. THE MARCH WILL PROCEED
FROM METROPOLITAN CHURCH IN ENSLEY TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PRATT
CITY WHERE SPEECHES WILL BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
OF NAACP.

NO VIOLENCE OR DISTURBANCES ANTICIPATED. LOCAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCIES AND POLICE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED. BUREAU WILL BE
ADVISED OF RESULTS OF MARCH.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-New) (P)

D. C. COMMITTEE FOR THE MARTIN
LUTHER KING HOLIDAY, 1/15/70
RM
(OO:WFO)

[REDACTED] b7(D)
advised this morning that the following activities are
being planned in commemoration of the birthday of MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR., 1/15/70:

(a) A program at Howard University's Cramton
Auditorium from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at which Representative
JOHN CONYERS will be the featured speaker. Following
CONYERS talk there is to be entertainment of an unspecified
nature. District school children are to be bussed to the
university for participation in this program, but the details
of this phase are not known at this time.

(b) The Community Improvement Corporation will
sponsor a march of approximately 100 persons carrying candles

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., originating at 12th and H Streets, N.E. and concluding at 1326 Florida Avenue, N.E.

(c) There is the possibility of a program of some type at either Meridian Hill Park (Malcolm X Park), or Lincoln Park, WDC. No details were available regarding this program.

C [REDACTED] b(1) press
conference was held by captioned group at Lincoln Memorial Congregational Temple, 1701 11th Street, N.W., WDC, from 11:00 to 11:35 a.m. instant date. According to the sources, press statements were read by Reverend WALTER FAUNTROY of captioned committee and DAVID OTTO of the D.C. Vietnam Moratorium Committee. D.C.

C [REDACTED] b(1)
The statement read by Reverend FAUNTROY said, in essence, that a rally would be held Thursday, 1/15/70, at Howard University's Cranton Auditorium featuring as speakers Representative JOHN CONYERS and Mississippi Freedom Fighter FANNIE LOU HAMER. Included D.C.
In the program will be film clippings from the documentary "KING, Montgomery to Memphis". A program of entertainment is being developed for the rally by a group of black radio and television personalities. The statement continued that the rally is aimed at demonstrating support for a bill introduced by Representative CONYERS and several other congressmen, to have 1/15/70 declared a national holiday in honor of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. Petitions urging Congress to pass the bill will be circulated locally and nationally and will be mailed to Doctor RALPH ABERNATHY for presentation to Congress. According to the release a liberal leave policy has been established by both Mayor WALTER WASHINGTON and D.C. Schools Superintendent BENJAMIN HENLEY, to allow for maximum participation in these programs. Students in D.C. schools will be excused in the afternoon upon presentation of a letter from parents requesting the students be allowed to attend. The release ended by indicating that all black persons, as well as white persons of goodwill, are invited to attend.

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The statement, read by OTTO, indicated that 1/15/70 was designated a Moratorium Day to pay tribute and homage to the birth of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. Doctor KING was one of the first national leaders to speak out against the Vietnam War, and the statement urged all supporters of moratoriums in the past months to join in and honor him at Cranton Auditorium 1/15/70 at 2:00 p.m.

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According to the above mentioned sources, one LARRY TODD was introduced as being a representative of the Black Panther Party (BPP). [REDACTED]

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Approximately twenty persons, the majority of which were pressmen and photographers, were present at the rally.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and local military intelligence agencies cognizant.

WFO will follow and report subsequent developments in this matter.

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Date: 1/9/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-768) (P)BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
1/15/70
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[REDACTED] has made available a hand bill distributed by BUILD (Build, Unity, Independence, Liberty and Dignity), Buffalo civil rights organization which proclaims 1/15/70 MARTIN LUTHER KING's birthday a legal holiday. Proclamation states "The Board of Education says . . . No!" and continues with statement "Let Us Give Honor to this Great Black Hero by:

- A. Laying down our labor.
- B. Closing our businesses.
- C. Emptying our classrooms."

b7(D) [REDACTED] sources advised BUILD organization ineffective in these programs and current proposal to close businesses and emptying classrooms will probably not receive widespread black community support, although sources state appropriate observance of the birthday anniversary will occur.

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No distribution of the hand bills has been made at Buffalo ghetto schools. Public schools have been authorized by the Buffalo Board of Education to conduct appropriate assembly observance.

Sources state Mayor FRANK A. SEDITA on 1/7/70 issued a proclamation designating 1/15/70 as Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING Day and urged observance of the slain civil rights leader's birthday anniversary. In addition, Mayor SEDITA stated he will read the proclamation on the Buffalo City Hall steps at 10:15 AM, 1/15/70. Sources state Mayor SEDITA had earlier informed a BUILD delegation he had no authority to declare an official public holiday.

Buffalo PD and area intelligence services aware of scheduled program.

Buffalo will follow events of Commemoration.

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January 2, 1970

Chicago, Illinois 60611

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the kind sentiments and good wishes expressed in your letter which was received on December 29th. I am indeed grateful for your high regard for my administration of the FBI.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI has never made any statement that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this type, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations relative to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

EXP. PROC.

My dear Mr. Hoover:--

A friend of mine stated that she had information direct from your office documenting the facts that the late Martin Luther King was a communist.

I have pictures of him in a Communist training school in Tennessee, and have always said that he was a Communist. I am convinced that his widow Coretta King is also one. When I heard her say above the crowd at peace march in Washington-- "If this be treason, then make the most of it."

I have friends here in Chicago who are well educated people. They resent my statements that King was an avowed Communist. I take the Herald of Freedom and this clearly stated that King was a member of several subversive groups. Do you have printed material which the public can have relating to the Martin Luther King record?

This friend of mine said she had sent for this information direct to your office and had it, although I have never read this.

I dread to think of the day that you step down from the office you now hold. What would the United States be-- a mass of ruins by the Communists. Thank God for "J. Edgar Hoover." This is the sentiment of most of the loyal patriots I know.

May all blessings be yours, which you so richly deserve in preserving this country and our freedom.

With all good wishes, I am

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Sincerely,

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December 30, 1969

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[Redacted Address]

New Jersey 07701

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Dear [Redacted]

With respect to the inquiry in your letter of December 20th, the FBI has never made any statement that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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b7(c) 20 December 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sirs:

[redacted] a member of the Board of Education [redacted] New Jersey. At a recent conference of the State Federation of District Boards of Education, [redacted] a resolution that was subsequently passed, which stated that January 15th should be a day of observance of the life and ideals of Martin Luther King.

In response to newspaper articles describing the action of the Federation, I have received a telephone call and a letter stating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has 'branded' Dr. King as a communist.

Would you please tell me whether you have branded Dr. King as a communist and, if you have, what is the basis for such action.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature block]

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December 16, 1969

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Honorable James C. Wright, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

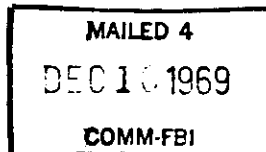
My dear Congressman:

Your communication of December 10th has been received. Your constituent, [redacted] previously wrote to me regarding this matter and on December 9th I informed him that information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations relative to all matters of a confidential nature. b7(c)

Your enclosure is being returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior limited correspondence of an official nature with Congressman Wright and relations with him have been very limited. Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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DECEMBER 10, 1969

Congressional Liaison Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

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Very truly yours,

Jim Wright
JIM WRIGHT M.C.

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[REDACTED]
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76122

Dec. 1, 1969

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Congressman Jim Wright
2459 Bayburn Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

[REDACTED] of the Seminary faculty, [REDACTED] of the library staff, and I have prepared a twelve volume history of preaching. One of the men included in the study is Dr. Martin Luther King. We have picked up considerable kickback concerning his inclusion. A number of people charge him with being either Communist or a Communist front man. In fact, I have one letter stating that the House Un-American Activities Committee has given him over sixty counts of Communist leanings--that is affiliations with Communist front organizations.

We want to be as objective about all of this as possible. Is there any way for you to either tell us what the official government position is concerning Dr. King and Communism or what organization would be able to spell this out for us.

My experience in writing to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the past has not been too fruitful. I turn to you with great hope that you will be able to help us out.

Sincerely,

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December 30, 1969

West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 19th has been received.

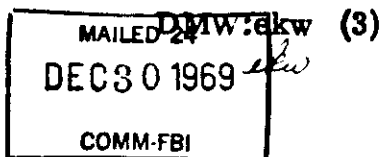
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401

Dec. 19, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2-13-81 BY SP-4 JRM/ML
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Dear Sir,

Recently I have been reading the condensed
Readers Digest story "My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Coretta Scott King. I am white and have been much impressed
through the years, and often ashamed, by the required struggles of
the Blacks to attain their duly deserved citizens rights and also
by Dr. Kings endeavors on their behalf.

While discussing the story, and current events,
with one of my relatives, I was advised that the F.B.I. had determined
that Dr. King was a card carrying communist and that his program was
sponsored and supervised by the communist party. I read the
papers regularly and also follow the news on radio and TV, but never
recall reading or hearing to indicate this. RL

Will you kindly have your office affirm to me whether
the information stated above is factual or not. If the work of Dr. King
was influenced by communists, I shall find it necessary to evaluate anew
my thinking in connection with that phase of the Black program. On the
other hand, I should like to be able to authoritatively refute that story
if it is only malicious propoganda.

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Appreciating your consideration, I am,

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Respectfully yours,


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West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401

Dec. 19, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Respectfully yours,

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December 24, 1969

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Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication was received on December 22nd.

In reply to your inquiry concerning Martin Luther King, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr Hoover,

12/16/69

I am sure I am asking for information your office can or will not give out, but here is my problem. My school plans to honor Martin Luther King on Jan. 15. I can not honestly honor this man because I do not believe he was an honest American. Am I wrong in my beliefs? If so, please let me know. I hate to be hypocritical. If you say King was an honest American, I'll go along with it.

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EX-101

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December 10, 1969

[REDACTED]
Baltimore, Maryland 21225

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of December 5th concerning alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, information of this type, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations relative to all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]

Baltimore, Maryland 21225
December 5, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street NW
Washington, D C

Gentlemen

A discussion was held in my Sunday School class
regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING in which he was accused of
being a registered Communist.

For my own knowledge, and for the information
of my class, I would greatly appreciate if you would
confirm or deny the statement.

Sincerely yours,

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Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania 17870

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 20th and enclosure have
been received and your interest in writing is appreciated. It was
thoughtful of you to bring this information to the attention of the
FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain one prior letter from correspondent in January, 1935
in which he reported what he considered to be communistic activities on the
part of an individual with whom he was acquainted. He was advised by letter
1-29-35 that such matters were not within the investigative jurisdiction of
the FBI and a copy of his letter was referred to the Department. [REDACTED]
mentioned by correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [REDACTED]
enclosure is a copy of a letter which he directed to an official of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in which he alleges that [REDACTED] sister,
a wealthy New York City Jewess, once related to him that Martin Luther King
had attempted to obtain large sums of money from her organization by threat
ening to turn loose Negroes on the Jews if his demand met with refusal.
[REDACTED] claims he made this information known to the news media which
refused to verify it indicating to him that they did not want to know the truth.
Shortly after this incident King was assassinated.

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[REDACTED]
SELINGROVE PA 17870
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November 20, 1969

Gentlemen:

The news casting people have taken an unreasonable attitude toward the Vice President of the United States.

For that reason I call a very important item to your attention. The inclosed letter explains itself.

[REDACTED] has retired. He can be traced through [REDACTED] or through the Retirement System [REDACTED]

I will take oath that what is written dated November 14, 1969 is correct.

I know that NBC, CBS and the New York Times censor the news.

I assume you already know the contents of my letter, but it troubles me that nothing has been done about the matter.

Very truly yours,

b7(c)

[REDACTED]
SELINGROVE, PA 17870
[REDACTED]

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11-26-69
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November 14, 1969

[REDACTED]

Sir:

I assume you are a Jew and that you know the following story about the negro preacher King, but I will repeat it.

I was a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] at the school. His sister is a wealthy New York City Jewess.

One day [REDACTED] called me on the telephone and asked me if I would talk to his sister and I wondered why she would travel a hundred miles to talk to me.

A few days later [REDACTED] called me and said that his sister was on the school grounds and I told him to bring her to my apartment or to my office, but she refused saying that buildings have ears, so I met her under a tree in front of building X-2 where my apartment was located.

The woman was agitated and talked freely. She spoke of her anger and her fear and then went on to say that the New York Jews had given Martin Luther King millions and millions of dollars, and then corrected it to say thousands and thousands of dollars, but shortly before the day I talked to her King had come to New York and met with her organisation and demanded thousands and thousands of dollars more or else he would turn the negroes loose on the Jews. She said

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she was angry and frightened and walked out of the meeting. She was still very disturbed when the conversation took place under the tree at the school.

After our talk I went into my apartment and told my wife that unless King changed his tactics some one would kill him. Within a matter of days King was dead.

I gave this news to you and I was asked "what are you trying to prove?" I was trying to devalue King and show the people of the world that he was an imposter.

I took the story to [REDACTED] with no results. b7c

This was important news and you could have made one local telephone call to verify it, but you did not want to know the truth. So you do tell exactly what you want the people of this land to know.

You are guilty of making King into a saint when he was a black mailer and a rascal - and you know that I tell you the truth. You misled millions of believing people who wanted to believe in King because of your build up.

What brought this story back to my mind was your comments on TV, so this morning I went up to a shopping center on route 15 and 22 and asked a simple question of 300 people - truckers from

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Florida to New York, salesmen, repairmen,
women of many walks in life and others.

The question was this: "Do you believe the
Vice President was telling the truth?"
293 said "yes" he told the truth.

Another thing which irks people is sticking
a negro in almost every program whether it
makes sense or not. It cheapens the negro
and it just does not make sense.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

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November 21, 1969

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[REDACTED]
White Earth, North Dakota 58794

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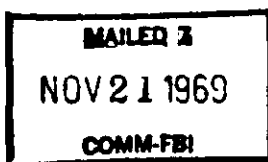
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 16th.

While I would like to be of assistance in reply to your inquiry concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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White Earth, N. Dak.
November 16, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Could you disclose any of the information concerning the investigation of Martin Luther King? Our minister believes that King was a loyal American Citizen but I'm inclined to think the opposite. How could he be a good citizen with all the riots he started?

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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North Dakota 58794

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November 16, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C.

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Our minister believes that King
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Your assistance would be
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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White Earth, N. Dak. 5-87

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Batesville, Arkansas 72501

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of November 14th concerning the activities of Martin Luther King, I can assure you this Bureau has not released any information regarding him as data in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

DATE 2-13-91 BY SP4 JRM/v J. Edgar Hoover

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Batesville, Arkansas 72501

November 14, 1969

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FBI Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

What sort of information do you have that can be re-
leased from your investigations of the late Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.?

I chanced to quote something he said, in a talk that
I gave the other day, in a complimentary way. After
the talk, a person chided me for quoting a "known
Communist." This person also gave other "information"
about Dr. King's exploits. When I pushed for
documentation, he said the FBI had released the
information.

I am really not interested in proving that Dr. King
was, or was not, a Communist. I am interested
in getting the facts. What can you tell me about
these allegations: (1) That he was a known Communist;
(2) that he was living with six different women at the
time of his death; (3) that he received \$10,000.00 a
trip that he made to Memphis.

Thank you so much for helping me get accurate information.

Sincerely,

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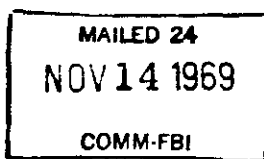
Pasadena, California 91106

Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 2-13-81 BY SP-4 RML/L

I have received your letter of November 6th, with enclosure, and cannot be of assistance to you as it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Also, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy each of our 1968 Uniform Crime Reports bulletin and my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on April 17, 1969.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles disclose [REDACTED] wrote on 4-21-69 and requested latest facts and figures on crime and communism and requested permission to use quotes from this literature and from books written by the Director on the above subjects. We acknowledged his letter on 4-25-69 and advised that we had no objection to his use of limited quotations from the material, however, the permission should not be construed as an endorsement of his articles. At that time he was sent the 1969 Appropriation Testimony and the 1967 Uniform Crime Reports bulletin. Paul Scott was admonished by the Bureau on 9-1-68 for lying and deliberately misquoting the Director in an article about the disorders at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968. Full name of [REDACTED] per last outgoing.

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Thursday 6th November 1969

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director FBI,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am inclosing a copy of Paul Scott's "Washington News-I
Syndicate's" SCOTT REPORT regarding evidence given by you before a
committee about the activities of Martin Luther King prior to his assassi
As I read nothing about your evidence in the papers and heard nothing abo
on various news broadcasts, I would be pleased if you would kindly verify
information given in the Scott Report of June 16.

If you can supply me with additional information on the above
I would be glad to receive it.

Also, please send me the latest editions of your publications,
"IN THE UNITED STATES" and "FBI APPROPRIATIONS."

Thanking you for your help and cooperation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Congressman Rarick by giving the "libs" absolute fits with his continued attack upon King and his demand that the public is entitled to know King's true merit. The public knows King's true merit, but the controversy is being steered to the point that the demand is being made for Hoover's retirement, while, very carefully, the "libs" skirt the evidence of facts that were revealed in these years of wiretapping.

The public is entitled to know, and inasmuch as it is now reasonable to assume that King had close affiliations with Communists, this could prove very explosive. Furthermore, as this article next points out, "gutter type" language (and actions) were an essential part of the "real" King, as opposed to his public "image." We can hope that this investigation will continue. Unfortunately, the "champion", Congressman Rooney, is not a Rarick but he has made a step in the right direction, and he deserves your letters of commendation and encouragement.

THE SCOTT REPORT

By Paul Scott

Washington, June 16: Public airing of the FBI's recordings of private conversations Dr. Martin Luther King conducted with his protest advisers could go a long way toward changing the image of the slain civil rights leader.

Summaries of the recordings, as revealed to members of a House Appropriation Subcommittee, headed by Representative John J. Rooney (D. N.Y.), clearly indicate that King was in direct contact with one of the most influential communists in the U.S.

With leads obtained from their electronic eavesdropping, the FBI was able to confirm that this Kremlin agent, whose influence extended into the highest ranks of the Communist Party, USA, was one of King's ghost writers and chief advisers on protest strategy.

In addition to the evidence gained from the King recordings, the FBI succeeded in taking several photographs of the civil rights leader meeting with this covert communist operator at one of the major U.S. airports.

King, whose assassination in Memphis, Tenn., in April, 1968, is still carried as an "open investigation" by the FBI, was first put under government surveillance in 1961 when the late Robert Kennedy was Attorney General.

Although Kennedy after leaving the Justice Department denied any knowledge of King's surveillance, FBI and Justice Department records show he authorized the inquiry during a conference attended by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, then Deputy Attorney General Nicholas de Katzenbach, and another high-ranking FBI aide.

The surveillance of King, now under fire by several large East Coast newspapers, was the outgrowth of information that the FBI agents obtained during its investigation of another national security case.

When King's name was mentioned several times by one of the persons under surveillance in the case, it was decided that the civil rights leader should be placed under close observation.

The FBI inquiry, which continued for several years, involved King's trips to Sweden and East Germany as well as his preparations to lead the so-called "Poor Army Campaign" to disrupt Washington.

FOR THE RECORD - These and other still secret details of King's activities were revealed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to members of the Rooney subcommittee shortly before the civil rights leader was slain.

Deeply concerned about King's plans to disrupt Washington, the legislators had requested the briefings so they would be prepared to blunt his assault on Congress should that become necessary.

So alarming was the FBI's data on King that the lawmakers

took the extraordinary step of briefing House Speaker John McCormack. This information along with other material furnished by the FBI caused McCormack to make extensive preparations, including the alerting of military units, to defend the Capitol against King's plans to cause massive disruption.

The House Democratic leaders, all strong supporters of the late President Kennedy, were reputedly shocked at the gutter-type language King used in private conversations about the late President.

Other recordings in the FBI files dealt extensively with his private life, according to the legislators, and showed that there were two Kings - one the public knew and the other known only to his closest friends and the FBI.

Although no government agency or commission has made a study of King's long-range strategy of Protest, there is enough evidence in the files of the FBI to show that King's goal was to create a mass protest movement. With the movement, King and his advisers hoped to force a radical change in this country's form of government.

King's leadership task was to give the over-all movement "motion" and an acceptable "image" that would attract millions of negroes, young people, the poor, clergy, and those disenfranchised with the Vietnam war.

His tactics in changing his protest leadership from one of civil rights to anti-war, anti-poverty, and anti-government during the closing days of his life were part of this grand strategy.

MORE TO COME - Whether most of these FBI recordings, since many of them deal with national security cases still under investigation, will ever be revealed by the Nixon Administration is conjectural.

Should supporters of King, however, pump new life into the stalled drive in Congress to create a national holiday honoring him, demands could become forth-coming from anti-King legislators that Hoover be called to testify. If that occurs, the "Martin Luther King tapes" could become big news.

For now, the only public confirmation of the King recordings comes from Houston Federal Judge Joe Ingraham's hearing involving the case of former heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay.

Testimony by FBI agents in the Houston hearing revealed that conversations of King and Clay were recorded. In one instance, Judge Ingraham pronounced it a matter of national security and refused to let it be made public.

Clay, convicted of draft dodging in June, 1967, and sentenced to five years in prison, is appealing his conviction. The U.S. Supreme Court ordered Ingraham to hold a hearing to see whether illegal wiretaps testimony was used to convict Clay.

Both the movement to mark King's birthday as a national holiday and the Houston court hearing clearly indicate that the final chapter in the Martin King story is yet to be written.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 30th, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your views.

In reply to your inquiry concerning alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, Jr., information of this type, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations relative to all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr Hoover,

I am enclosing herewith, part of a newsletter by the "National Economic Council, pertaining certain facts about Martin L. King.

In my home town, I have been active in local school programs, and our Board of Education has designated Jan. 16th, 1970 as a holiday honoring Dr. King.

If the attached newsletter is true, than a great travesty of justice will have been perpetrated on our citizens. Only with the information gathered by your agency can we know the truth and act on it.

I hope you will be able to advise me on this most important information.

Very truly yours,

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BILL COULD WRECK FEDERAL RESERVE

TWENTY-FIVE BANKERS — the largest in the nation were asked to hold the line on interest rates by Treasury Secretary David M. Kennedy on July 27.

However, no promises were made, and small businessmen have begun to worry since last month's 8% historic increase on lending interest.

Chairman Wright Patman (D., Texas) of the House Banking Committee, called on Nixon to decide whether the Secretary should be removed from office. He said:

"The Secretary had the 25 largest bankers in the room for 2½ hours and he could not bring himself to speak up for the American public and ask for a roll back in interest rates. In my opinion, the Secretary has abdicated his office."

William McChesney Martin attended the meeting, and was reported as smiling throughout the meeting... But Wright Patman may have the last laugh on Martin.

Patman introduced a bill (H.R. 27) which may destroy the Central Banking System which has looted the world, and made perpetual debtors of all Americans — the most productive people since time began.

Patman made Martin admit in a Congressional hearing that the Federal Reserve holds \$52 billion in Government Securities paid for in full, but on which the American people are still paying interest.

Patman pointed out that this should be subtracted from the national debt.

If the Federal Reserve System breaks up and Congress regains its Constitutional right to mint money, the United States would fast become financially solvent.

An organization of international money-lenders and users, who have usurped the right of the American people to coin their own money, and have made the American people pay for it, now have been caught charging the American people for a debt that has already been paid.

The international bankers will no doubt put millions out to destroy the new bill. That will be a small price to pay for their hold over this country.

DELLINGER: "THE MAN IN RED" at PARIS TALKS

NEW LEFT LEADER David Dellinger's representing the United States of America in prisoner negotiation with the North Vietnamese in Paris, has shocked Americans, and utterly shaken members' of Congress faith in Secretary of State, William P. Rogers.

Members of the House Committee on Internal Security, under the prodding of Representative Albert Watson (R., S. C.), demanded "an explanation of this sordid and unbelievable episode".

Representative Watson wrote to Rogers: "As a member of the House Committee on Internal Security, I have had an opportunity to question Dellinger at length... He is dedicated to the overthrow of the United States Government... By his own admission, the radical brand of communism is appealing to him. To even entertain the idea of allowing David Dellinger to in any way, officially or unofficially, represent the United States is one of the most preposterous schemes I've heard in my over twenty years of public service."

Dellinger was under indictment for his criminal acts in inciting a riot, violation of Title 18, Section 2101 of the United States Code, at the time he represented the United States.

ANTI-SEMITISM AT ALL TIME HIGH IN THE U.S.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS AT ALL TIME HIGH in the United States, according to the Jewish Times.

Boris Smolar, a columnist in the Times, noted that many white Christians and Negroes openly and strongly are anti-Jewish.

"It (anti-semitism) is beginning to show signs of becoming an acceptable subject after falling into disrepute for more than a quarter of a century", he said.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council blamed the new open feeling against Jews on Arab propaganda in this country.

The N.C.R.A.C. predicted the expansion of this anti-Jewish propaganda in "every sphere of American public life, including campuses, churches, church organizations, the mass media and public forums".

According to the NEC's study on this problem we have found only one Arab organization which puts out much anti-Jewish propaganda, and that is only on the Israeli question. This organization is the Arab Palestine Delegation to the U.N.

According to our study the growing anti-semitic feeling has several causes:

(1) Israeli aggression against the Arabs. In spite of massive propaganda by the powerful Jewish-owned press and television for Israel's seizure of Arab lands, Americans feel that Israel under the protection of the U.S. has been a war-monger of the worst type, and that American Jews are aiding and abetting what is even against the best interests of the United States.

(2) Many liberal and left-wing groups such as The Anti-Defamation League, Civil Liberties Union, Lawyers Guild, League for Industrial Democracy, American League for Peace and Democracy, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, American Peace Crusade, Americans for

Democratic Action are composed largely of Jews.

Revolutionary groups of the New Left as S.D.S. are reported to be one-half to two-thirds Jewish. The average American feels that many of these organizations are led by Jews.

(3) Jewish owned newspapers, magazines, T.V., and movies, and Jewish writers, book authors, and motion picture producers, often support or are identified with pornography.

(4) Jewish insistence in many cities and towns on abolishing Christian traditions in schools and public places. These predominantly Christian towns resent being forced to abandon the Christmas tree, the singing of Carols and prayer in the schools.

(5) Forcing of membership for Jews by political pressure on hitherto private clubs.

(6) Political harassment by the Anti-Defamation League etc., of conservative organizations who are not anti-Jewish, but simply patriotic. Also political pressure keeps these groups from gaining tax exemption, and further harasses their donors. About 80% of all Americans are conservative.

JAVITS AND 23 OTHERS PRO-COMMUNIST BY VOTING RECORD

SENATOR JACOB JAVITS led the way "in giving aid and comfort to the enemy" in the 90th Congress.

On eighteen anti-communist bills, Javits voted 18 times for the communists.

Some of these bills are: Giving the President discretionary authority to give aid to communist countries, other than the Soviet Union, even if they export arms and strategic weapons to the Soviet Union and Red China. (Voted Yes); Barring foreign aid to countries trading arms and strategic materials to communist countries. (No); Permitting the President to give or sell surplus food to communist countries (Yes); Barring aid to Nations trading in strategic materials with the communist block (No); Amendment authorizing the President to allow aid to communist countries at his discretion. (Yes);

To delay date of ratification of the NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY until it was revised to provide for adequate on-site inspection (No); That Soviet Consular Treaty not take effect until Soviet aid to North Vietnam cease (No).

Full immunity from criminal prosecution for Soviet and U.S. personnel assigned to future consulates, and to authorize the establishment of such consulates (Yes); Soviet Space Treaty: Treaty banning the use of outer space for military purposes, but not providing for inspection to insure Soviet compliance (Yes);

Twenty-three other senators having almost the same voting record are: Sparkman of Alabama; Inouye of Hawaii; Ribicoff of Connecticut; Muskie of Maine; Hart of Michigan; Griffin of Michigan; McCarthy of Minnesota; Mondale of Minnesota (late comer); Metcalf of Montana; Case of New Jersey; Williams of New Jersey; Kennedy of New York (deceased); Burdick of North Dakota; Monroney of Oklahoma; Harris of Oklahoma; Clark of Pennsylvania; Pastore of Rhode Island; Pell of Rhode Island; Gore of Tennessee; Baker of Tennessee; Moss of Utah; Randolph of West Virginia; McGee of Wyoming.

The highest rating anti-communist Congressmen are: McClellan (Ark.), Williams (Del.), Russell (Ga.), Jordan (Idaho), Eastland and Stennis (Miss.), Curtis and Hruska (Neb.), Thurmond (S.C.), Mundt (S.D.), Tower (Texas), Bennett (Utah), Smith (Me.).

TAXPAYERS REVOLT COMING

A TAX REVOLT by the American people is brewing. Citizens may absolutely refuse to pay taxes, according to The New York State Taxpayer.

More and more people, finding that taxes are too heavy are going on the relief doles. Savings have dropped and business expansion is slowing down.

In 1969, the American worker will labor two hours and 34 minutes of his 8-hour working day to pay his federal, state and local taxes — the largest single item in the budget.

Housing costs him 1 hour; food and tobacco, 56 minutes; transportation, 40 minutes; clothing, 25 minutes; medical bills 21 minutes; recreation 18 minutes; all others, 1 hour and 46 minutes.

Meanwhile the value of the dollar sinks lower and lower, and the tax reform is just talk. Taxing bodies refuse to cut back their expenditures to combat inflation and bolster the economy. Few Congressmen listen to their taxpayers' laments. All that spending—money for bigger and bigger government is too tempting.

Martin A. Larson, in his book, "The Great Tax Fraud," calls the income tax "An empire of injustice".

Under the schedule of fiscal 1969, the levy upon personal incomes reaches 49.% at \$18,000, 68.2% at \$50,000 and 77% at \$100,000.

Mr. Larson, who pointed out the loopholes and the inequities of tax, says; "if ten principal types of legal tax avoidance were abolished, the National Treasury would have \$20 billion more annually, even while excusing 80% of all our people from all direct federal taxation."

Larson demonstrates that honesty with the Internal Revenue Service is almost certain to plunge an independent business man into ruin.

Tax lawyers' latest clients are just plain taxpayers organizing into corporations to fight the unfair tax.

CONGRESSMEN ON A CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS—THE POWELL DECISION

"Chief Justice Warren in his swan song has given the American people his final insult, a license to any Member of this body to misappropriate public tax funds under judicial protection from the wrath of honest men.

If this House is to bow to court orders controlling the conduct of its internal business—the separation of powers—the Constitution itself is dead.

If we bow to the orders of the Supreme Court it necessarily follows that we become subservient to the orders of any lesser Federal judge"... Rarick (Rep. La.)

The Founding Fathers provided that the judiciary, the legislative, and the executive departments are equal, coordinate, and independent in their powers and judgment. And, if I can comprehend plain language, that document also provides that the House shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own Members.

Finally, so far as I am concerned, I believe that the House should take the attitude of a former great President of the United States, Andrew Jackson. After the Supreme Court had reached a decision in Worcester against Georgia, March 3, 1832, which he thought infringed upon constitutional rights of the Executive, President Jackson said:

"John Marshall has made his decision. Now let him enforce

it." ... Colmer (Rep. Miss.)

"Permissiveness is thus sanctioned for the highest places in American life. Two years ago the gentleman from New York (Mr. Powell) was a fugitive from justice. As such, he would have been barred from induction into military service. Yet the Court finds he was entitled to sit in a legislative body which orders other men into service" ... Van Deerlin (Rep. Cal.)

DEAD BLONDES TELL NO TALES

TEDDY KENNEDY'S STRANGE INTERLUDE WITH A BLONDE may not affect his popularity very long ... Our sources report that the KK machine has already greased up for the line-up of contenders for President in 1972: Democrats, Republicans and Independents.

Governor Ronald Reagan, Senator Edmund Muskie and George Wallace: Watch for special smears carefully done on each.

Did Jack's eye for a pretty girl ruin his chances for presidency? ... And Bob's romantic involvement with Marilyn Monroe. That was shut up and glossed over. ... Dead blondes tell no tales.

THE MAN WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING

Christian Century, a leading non-denominational weekly recently proposed on its editorial page that churches - Protestant and Catholic - canonize Martin Luther King.

On June 2, on the House floor, Rep. Robert A. Liggitt, eulogized King, "as a leader in the fight against communism."

Throughout the United States efforts are being made to make King look like a saint. More has been done to make King a martyr than has been done to save the Rosenbergs or any other communist sympathizer.

Even before his death, Congressmen knew the score about King. They were saying:

"They've got to kill him. Everybody knows too much about King. You can't have a tarnished hero, but you could have a tarnished martyr".

The F.B.I. disclosed its wiretappings on King, over Justice Department objections at a Federal District Court this June 4, showing King participating and planning violence with Black Muslim leaders.

A confidential report by the F.B.I. in 1967 was in the hands of three Congressional Committees showing that King was a Communist agent, receiving sums and taking instructions which he faithfully carried out. Congressmen planned to summon King.

The F.B.I. had proof King violated the Mann Act (white slavery) of the U.S. Criminal Code. Neither Attorney Generals Katzenbach, nor Ramsey Clark would allow the F.B.I. to present this evidence to a Federal Grand Jury.

Congressman George W. Andrews placed an account of King's national car theft ring in the Congressional Record in 1966, but the Justice Department had instructions from L.B.J. to protect his image, and refused to let the F.B.I. arrest him.

Dr. King revealed in his own words that he gave plans to Stokely Carmichael to set up black militant organizations in order to dislocate the functioning of major cities without destroying them. King trained subversives in the techniques of violence that looked non-violent.

The F.B.I., although a branch of the Justice Department, refused to keep quiet about King and Americans learned the truth.

Who killed King? Someone who wanted a martyr and the passage of the 1968 Civil Right. Bill.

King had almost lost his usefulness to the international conspiracy to destroy the U.S. Money quit coming in from Negroes and white "little givers". The full cost of his activities fell back to the Warburgs, Soviet agents and a little gang of communist professional revolutionists who first launched King into orbit.

The only way to make King look good was as a corpse.

Was Ray a paid killer for those who needed a martyr? Or was he framed by one of the very ruthless and dangerous enemies of America who killed King?

NEW HOUSE BILL GIVES HEW \$12,000,000 FOR FORCING INTEGRATION: \$344,000 TO PROTECT AGAINST OVERTHROW OF UNITED STATES

A Bill for Four Government Departments - State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary - "and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and for other purposes" has just been passed. This catch-all bill was fought by some of the more sophisticated members of Congress.

"Other purposes" sneaked into the bill are: Obligations of membership in international multilateral organizations - \$130,187,000; community relations services - \$3,077,000; minority business enterprises - \$1,200,000; commission on civil rights - \$2,650,000; civil rights education, HEW - \$12,000,000; equal employment opportunity commission - \$10,000,000.

The Hon. John R. Rarick of Louisiana said in the House of Representatives on July 24, 1969:

"Moneywise, our people at home will conclude that we are 36 times more determined to fight them than we are to protect them from the ever-growing threat of communist tyranny".

Rarick says that the civil rights money is not for education toward integration, but like all HEW monies, is used to strongarm citizens into compliance.

ADA AND THE ABM ASSASSINS

AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION are trying to kill the ABM in their biggest fundraising drive to date. ADL, with a huge picture of homely Arthur Schlesinger on its latest direct mail piece, states:

"ADA organizers are forming and helping anti-ABM community groups throughout the country. ADA legislative representatives work daily on Capitol Hill in close contact with the increasing number of senators and congressmen who share our doubts about the infallibility of the military mind".

Such persons as these appear on the Board of ADA: Reinhold Niebuhr, honorary chairman; John Kenneth Galbraith, national chairman; Meyer Berger, treasurer; vice chairmen, Walter P. Reuther ("Yours for a Soviet America"), Hans G. Morgenthau, David Dubinsky, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Marvin Rosenberg.

Many of the people on this board appear on countless other boards of leftwing organizations which are interested in World Government, destroying American sovereignty, building up the welfare state, and heavy taxation, unlimited

government spending, and anything except preserving the strength of the United States in a communist-expanding world.

Polls show that the public is backing President Nixon's proposed ABM system. 8 out of 10 Americans prefer over to under nuclear capability.

Yet Congressmen state that their mail is running 8 to 1 against ABM. That means a vocal and active minority is putting on the pressure to leave America defenseless.

Yet our entire defense system is under attack. R.O.T.C., university projects for military research, scientific research all are being attacked.

NEW TYPES OF REVOLUTIONARIES

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE FOUND A SQUARE REVOLUTIONARY they are proud to follow. He follows the Jefferson brand of revolt. His name is Ed Butler, and he publishes a rapidly growing publication called "Square Magazine".

Mr. Butler believes that leaders of S.D.S. want to set up a Marxist dictatorship. His slogan is "Strike back" and youngsters across the nation are joining up to help him.

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The National Youth Alliance represents America's young conservatives. On its Board are young college professors, news analysts, writers, military heroes and just plain clean-cut American kids.

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Council on Dangerous Drugs promises to be one of the

most effective anti-drug organizations created. It aims at the young people in grade schools, high schools and colleges.

Its bulletins are shocking, but they lay it on the line as to what happens to kids who take drugs.

The raw facts are there, and they are backed up by experts.

Write to them at 3875 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, if you would like to help.

WARNING: ON THE DECLINE AND FALL OF A NATION

"We are taxed in our bread and our wine, in our incomes and our investments, on our land and on our property not only for base creatures who do not deserve the name of men, but for foreign nations, complaisant nations who will bow to us and accept our largesse and promise us to assist in the keeping of the peace — these mendicant nations who will destroy us when we show a moment of weakness or our treasury is bare, and surely it is becoming bare! We are taxed to maintain legions on their soil, in the name of law and order and the Pax Romana, a document which will fall into dust when it pleases our allies and our vassals. We keep them in precarious balance only with our gold. Is the heartblood of our nation worth these? Were they bound to us with ties of love, they would not ask our gold. They take our very flesh, and they hate and despise us. And who shall say we are worthy of more? . . . When a government becomes powerful it is destructive, extravagant and violent; it is an usurer which takes bread from innocent mouths and deprives honorable men of their substance, for votes with which to perpetuate itself." — Cicero, 54 B.C.

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In reply to your inquiries with respect to Martin Luther King, I made the statement that he was the most notorious liar in the country at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Information regarding his alleged communist affiliations whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

A prominent American citizen whom I respected recently quoted you as having said that Dr. Martin Luther King was the greatest liar that you had ever met and that your statement was published in the Congressional Record.

Now I respect all three involved in the above statement and my purpose is not to create problems, I am a minister of the Gospel and a missionary working with the Church of the Nazarene and would like to know, if you deem wise to tell me, whether Dr. M. Luther King was as stated above and whether or not he was an instrument in communist hands. w

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Honorable James A. Burke
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I have received your communication of October 17th and the letter, with enclosure, from [redacted] Milton, Massachusetts.

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While I would certainly like to be of assistance to your constituent, particularly in view of your interest, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I regret I cannot be of help in this instance and am returning the enclosures as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose cordial relations with Congressman Burke and he is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin. [redacted] is a former confidential informant for Boston Office for six years and was discontinued in [redacted]. Since his discontinuance, he has continued to furnish Bureau information. On one occasion however, he had to be cautioned against improperly representing himself as a former Special Agent. [redacted]

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Honorable James A. Burke

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[REDACTED] Boston advised [REDACTED] we should not give him any basis for possibly claiming continued assistance to Bureau. "The Herald of Freedom" is an anticommunist paper of expose type. Its editor and publisher has in past leveled charges of procommunist affiliations and other allegations against political officials in U. S. Government. He has volunteered such information to Bureau in past as well as reported misconduct and disloyalty on part of government officials and employees. These allegations for most part have been unfounded.

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

October 17, 1969
Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of
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Washington, D.C.

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Yours truly,

JAMES A. BURKE M. C.
11th of Massachusetts

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Rep. John McCormack
House of Representative
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Dear Congressman:

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I want to know if the statements outlined are true in full or in part.

I would also like to know if these statements were recorded
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send me a copy.

Yours

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THE TWO LIVES OF M. L. KING

One of the prototypes of today's pulpit politician was the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Using his preacher's garb as a cloak of respectability and his advanced college degrees to impress the less "educated," he prowled about the country stirring up racial hatred. He was built up by the liberal press and, after his murder, this manufactured hero became a "martyr." He was one of the prime instigators of the racial violence which increases year by year and which, if not brought under control by seemingly reluctant authorities, will overwhelm us.

If the people in California are willing to have their tax dollars support a law school at the University of California dedicated to Martin Luther King, that is their business; but all Americans should take steps to foil efforts to have King's birthday declared a national holiday which have slowed down as of now but are not dead. These "liberals" just don't ever give up on their "heroes," even when they are faced with the truth about them which thoroughly debunks them. Almost by accident the fact that there was a continuing FBI surveillance on Martin Luther King has been made public. The liberals, of course, are not the slightest bit interested in what was discovered about King; in fact they want to make sure no one ever finds out. What they are screaming about is by what authority this electronic surveillance took place!!

What has emerged from the liberal smokescreen is the picture of two Kings—the phony public hero and the private not-so-noble man. Congressman John Rarick of Louisiana has demanded on the floor of Congress that information concerning King be made public, stating on June 16, 1969:

"Mr. Speaker, for the fourth time in 14 days I rise to call on the administration to make public information in its possession concerning the illegal, immoral, and subversive activities of the late Martin Luther King.

"This information is known to exist. Some of it has already been destroyed.

"Unless prompt action is taken, I have reason to believe that more will be destroyed or concealed.

"King's apologists no longer bother to deny his involvement—his close continued cooperation—with

well-known leaders of the Communist conspiracy, both here and abroad.

"The American people have learned, a little at a time, of his close association with such identified subversives as Abner W. Berry, Myles Horton, James Domrowski, Bayard Rustin, Jack H. O'Dell, Carl and Anne Braden, Herbert Aptheker, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Gus Hall, Dorothy Ray Healy, Mike Zagarell, John Abt, Daniel Rubin, and Arnold Johnson, all functionaries and officials of the Communist Party and all close 'advisers,' 'aides,' and 'assistants' of King.

"The close ties between King and such latter-day subversives as James and Dianne Bevel, Stokely Carmichael, Paul Booth, John Hulett, James Forman, Rap Brown, Jerry Rubin, Fred Shuttlesworth, and Michael Wood are no longer denied. King's close association with known sex perverts Bayard Rustin and Ralph Abernathy is not denied by his frantic defenders."

As Rep. Rarick had previously stated: "If King was only a religious leader and merely a civil rights activist—what is there to hide from the American people?" As it turns out, there was much more going on behind the scenes than the "I have a dream" man was telling his adoring public. Paul Scott states in his Scott Report released June 16, 1969:

✓ "Public airing of the FBI's recordings of private conversations Dr. Martin Luther King conducted with his protest advisers could go a long way toward changing the image of the slain civil rights leader.

"Summaries of the recordings, as revealed to members of a House Appropriations Subcommittee, headed by Representative John J. Rooney (D.N.Y.), clearly indicate that King was in direct contact with one of the most influential communists in the U.S.

"With leads obtained from their electronic eavesdropping, the FBI was able to confirm that this Kremlin agent, whose influence extended into the highest ranks of the Communist Party, USA, was one of King's ghost writers and chief advisers on protest strategy.

"In addition to the evidence gained from the King recordings, the FBI succeeded in taking several photographs of the civil rights leader meeting with

- this covert communist operation, one of the major U.S. airports...

"The surveillance of King, now under fire by several large East Coast newspapers, was the outgrowth of information that the FBI agents obtained during its investigation of another national security case.

"The FBI inquiry, which continued for several years, involved King's trips to Sweden and East Germany as well as his preparations to lead the so-called 'Poor Army Campaign' to disrupt Washington.

"These and other still secret details of King's activities were revealed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to members of the Reoney subcommittee shortly before the civil rights leader was slain.

"So alarming was the FBI's data on King that the lawmakers took the extraordinary step of briefing House Speaker John McCormack. This information along with other material furnished by the FBI caused McCormack to make extensive preparations, including the alerting of military units, to defend the Capitol against King's plans to cause massive disruption.

"The House Democratic leaders, all strong supporters of the late President Kennedy, were reputedly shocked at the gutter-type language King used in private conversations about the late President.

"Other recordings in the FBI files dealt extensively with his private life, according to the legislators, and showed that there were two Kings- one the public knew and the other known only to his closest friends and the FBI.

"Although no government agency or commission has made a study of King's long-range strategy of protest, there is enough evidence in the files of the FBI to show that King's goal was to create a mass protest movement. With the movement, King and his advisers hoped to force a radical change in this country's form of government." ↑

The storm that has developed, however, is not over the fact that King has been revealed as a threat to our national security (which was pretty obvious even without FBI tapes); the furor has arisen because the FBI dared to look behind King's false front. The image-makers don't like to have their work disturbed and they are therefore demanding to know who was responsible for this dastardly deed and was it LEGAL? It was all right for King to deliberately do ILLEGAL things, obeying only the laws he approved of, but action against King must be strictly LEGAL. Another thing which is horrifying the "liberals" is that manufactured hero, Bobby Kennedy, has come in for some of the blame for checking up on King. Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark thinks it all terribly "unfair because it comes after Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King have been murdered in the service

though he requested to "repeatedly," the last request coming only two days before King was murdered. Clark even went so far as to "require" the FBI to tell him every three months the names of people being monitored electronically and he made sure that King's name was not among them.

It all supposedly began back when Robert Kennedy first assumed the office of Attorney General. An article in the WASHINGTON POST of June 20, 1969 quotes those inevitable "reliable sources,"

"Other sources who held high positions in the Justice Department under Kennedy said the Attorney General approved the tap on Dr. King only after the FBI had urged him to 'over and over again' for two years because the FBI believed Dr. King was either a communist or a tool of the Communist Party.

"During Kennedy's first two weeks as Attorney General in early 1961, the other sources said, the FBI came to Kennedy and said that Dr. King was deeply involved with two members of the Communist Party."

The main dispute seems to be over the question of who was worried about King's Marxist leanings and connections. According to the WASHINGTON STAR of June 19, 1969:

"Hoover said the FBI has a memorandum in its files from (Courtenay) Evans to Hoover, dated in June, 1963. Evans reported that Kennedy said he was concerned about allegations that King was a student and believer in Marxism. Evans reported in the memo to the FBI director, Hoover said, that the attorney general was alarmed by alleged associations between King and a New Yorker with Marxist connections. Kennedy asked Evans, the memorandum said, whether it would be feasible to install electronic devices to monitor King's conversations in an effort to discover the extent of a possible threat to national security."

It certainly would seem very two-faced for Bobby Kennedy to have publicly been King's buddy while tapping his phones behind his back. It might even interfere with portions of the Kennedy Legend. However, the information gleaned by the FBI did not seem to upset Bobby a bit and he continued to cooperate with King. He must have seen things as they were and said, Why not?

The danger about all the uproar over who authorized the wiretapping and was it LEGAL is that the end result could be the destruction of the tapes with their vital information. This was pointed out by Rep. Rarick:

"Mr. Speaker, Ramsey Clark's denial that he authorized an FBI wiretap on Martin Luther King's phone can only be excused in naivete or dishonesty

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Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of October 3rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I am pleased to learn of your interest in the FBI and am enclosing some material which sets forth the opportunities available and requirements for employment with this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Charlottesville, Va.
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October 3, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Information
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would like any information you might have available regarding the activities of Dr. Martin Luther King especially regarding any connection or affiliation with the Communist Party.

Secondly, I would appreciate any brochures you might have available that specify requirements for admission into the F.B.I.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
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This is a review of the book, "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr." by Coretta Scott King, published in 1969 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. The book is being placed in the Bureau library. Excerpts from this book were published in Life magazine on 9/12/69 and 9/19/69 under the title "He Had A Dream."

SYNOPSIS:

We have never investigated Mrs. King but there are numerous references in our files to her activities in connection with her husband's activities and about her pacifist activities. She acknowledges the assistance of Stanley Levison (a former communist) in writing this book. Levison boasted that he was able to get things he wanted into the book. The book, being a widow's epitaph, depicts a saintly couple, with saintly children surrounded by saintly associates.

The portrayal of a number of incidents in the book is far from accurate. References to the Bureau are not derogatory.

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For information.

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DETAILS:

Review of Bureau Files

We have never investigated Mrs. King. Our files contain numerous references to her in connection with her husband's activities and her own activities in pacifist organizations such as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Book Review

In her acknowledgment at the front of the book Mrs. King stated that Stanley Levison had read the entire manuscript and had offered many useful suggestions. She also acknowledged the valuable legal and personal assistance she got from Harry Wachtel. Later in the book she said Levison and Wachtel were two of King's dear friends and that King sought their advice and used them as sounding boards for his ideas. She said Levison always worked in the background and his contribution was indispensable. She added that Levison and Wachtel were two of the most important supporters of her husband's work and that they continued to assist her in many valuable ways to this day.

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In April, 1969, one of our sources reported that Levison said he was busy working with Mrs. King on her book. He said that because it was completed just before the deadline he was able to get some things into it that the publisher wanted to keep out. He said two of the things he got into the book were

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an attack on the Vietnam war and the fact that King did not have a "one-dimensional, negative attitude" toward black militants and black nationalists but that there was mutual respect with these people. [S]

Mrs. King's treatment of the incidents contained in the book must be read as that of a wife writing about her dead husband and about her impressions concerning his activities-- a widow's epitaph. A lack of objectivity and a biased report overemphasizing the importance of these activities are to be expected in such a book and are present in this book. Mrs. King's book depicts, page after page, a saintly couple, with saintly children, surrounded by saintly associates. She compares King with Christ on a number of occasions. Also on one occasion she makes the statement that "taking the world as a whole, his (Martin Luther King, Jr.) influence may even be greater than that of the Pope."

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Their lives are pictured as lives of selfless devotion and dedication, unmarred by human failings of any sort. However, Mrs. King's pride and conceit (which will be discussed later) does show itself on a number of occasions. For instance, when she tells about making her decision to give up her musical career to marry King she leaves the impression that this was a great loss in the cultural life of the country. Also she tells about the hurt when she could not attend a White House conference with King following the 1963 March on Washington. She was also hurt that day when she was not allowed to march with King at the front of the March; and when King told her to go to Los Angeles to speak to a smaller group while he led a march in New York of about 250,000 people. Although she does not say so in line with the saintly picture she paints, her love of the limelight and adoration from her husband's followers is ill-concealed.




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Concerning Mrs. King's pride, conceit and materialistic outlook one of our sources in June, 1968, reported that Stanley Levison commented that Mrs. King was resentful of the money the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was currently receiving from donations following King's death and appeared to feel the civil rights movement owed her a living.

Our sources also reported that, according to Levison, Mrs. King wanted top leadership after King's death. Levison told her she did not have the capacity to solve problems and that she underestimated the gravity of the problems and overestimated herself. Levison expressed the opinion in June, 1968, that Mrs. King's conceit was such that she could not be afraid of writing the book. [S]



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One such incident was the description by Mrs. King of the actions of King's entourage in a hotel in Oslo, Norway, prior to his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in December, 1964. They arrived in Oslo on 12/8/64 and King was awarded the prize on 12/10/64 and left for Stockholm, Sweden on 12/11/64. The evening in the Oslo Hotel was described by Mrs. King as one of hymn singing and a gathering together in simple fellowship and the warmth of oneness.

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In the epilogue to her book Mrs. King thanked the people who sent checks to continue her husband's work and those who sent checks specifically to the children and herself. She said she had used these gifts to assist her in setting up and maintaining a staff and an office to handle the large volume of mail and "the myriad requests made of me."

This selfless, magnanimous, decorous attitude is belied by Mrs. King's actual shrewd, calculating, businesslike activities. In August, 1968, following King's death in April, 1968, Levison and Harry Belafonte, the Negro entertainer, conferred on Belafonte's concern over a request by Mrs. King for fifty percent of an SCLC fund. Levison said her request, which amounted to about \$200,000 was for fifty percent of the Martin Luther King Fund which was established with the understanding that it would be shared with her. A confrontation between Mrs. King and the SCLC leadership was imminent over this matter and many other things. Levison, Mrs. King's devoted friend and protector, told Belafonte that only about half the money that had been collected for the Martin Luther King Fund had been put into that fund. Therefore, if Mrs. King's request was granted, she would still only receive about twenty percent of the fund.

On page 245, in writing about the death of President Kennedy Mrs. King mentioned the courage of Mrs. Kennedy and added that for all their philosophical explanations and their deep faith in God, she and King were still personally in a dark abyss of sorrow for "this gallant, compassionate and wise man." She indicated that in a way President Kennedy was King's best friend.

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Mrs. King in the book recounts how in the Summer of 1965 King went to Chicago for an SCLC drive and decided not to stay at a hotel but to rent a slum apartment in order to share with the people of the ghetto the kind of life that was imposed upon them daily by the system. She said he was almost like a Messiah to these ghetto dwellers.

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On page 339 Mrs. King states "Bernona Clayton - a woman of many talents - performed the task of assembling many dresses for my period of mourning, from which I chose the dresses I wore at the funeral."

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On page 57 of her book Mrs. King said her husband had, of course, read Karl Marx who, he said, convinced him that neither Marxism nor traditional capitalism held the whole truth but each a partial truth. She claimed he said "I could never be a communist."

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References to the FBI

On page 227 she mentioned that when King was in jail in Birmingham, Alabama, in April, 1963, she feared he was being held incommunicado. After trying to reach President Kennedy, he called her back and told her "We sent the FBI into Birmingham last night. We checked on your husband and he is alright." At the request of Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall the Bureau did interview the chief of police in Birmingham on 4/14/63 who said King was in good health and was not being held incommunicado. In fact he had conferred with four attorneys on 4/13/69.

On page 247 she mentioned that the FBI had found the bodies of the three civil workers slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

On page 265 she tells about the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in March, 1965. During this march there was a rumor that King was to be assassinated by a man disguised as a minister. She then said "while we maintained unarmed guard, we understand the FBI was on hand guarding Martin all the time." This statement, while reported only as an understanding on her part, is a complete falsehood; we never guarded King.

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Honorable Henry C. Schadeberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your communication of October 8th and the enclosed copy of a letter from [REDACTED] of East Troy, Wisconsin.

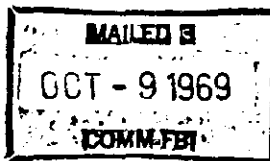
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Yours truly,

Henry C. Schadeberg
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Sept. 29, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Thank you.

Yours truly,

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P.S. Can you have more wanted posters shown on the Sunday night show?

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Williamston, Mich. 48895
Sept. 29, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Williamston, Michigan 48895

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Dear 

I have received your letter of September 29th and appreciate your kind comments with respect to my administration of this Bureau.

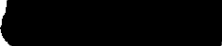
In response to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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EX-111

Bluff City, Tennessee 37618

Dear [REDACTED]

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In reply to your letter of September 11th, I have never made any statement that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, as well as other data in the files of this Bureau, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For the same reason, I am unable to furnish you any information relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE 37618

September 11, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

There has been considerable discussion in our part of the country regarding information, supposedly released by the Department of Justice, concerning Dr. Martin Luther King's association with the Communist Party. It has been said that you have stated that available information indicates that Dr. King was a Communist.

I would greatly appreciate any information you might have that can be made available in this matter. I feel that before I can provide responsible answers to many questions being raised I must have the facts that are available.

Also, it is repeatedly charged by some groups that the National Council of Churches is a "Communist Organization." If you have public statements or records dealing with this charge, I would appreciate such information.

I will greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE *GC*

SUBJECT: BOOK REVIEW
"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."
BY WILLIAM ROBERT MILLER
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: September 5, 1969

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This memorandum presents a review of captioned book published 1968 by Weybright and Talley, New York, which is being placed in the Bureau Library.

SYNOPSIS:

William Robert Miller, the author of this book, was associated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR).

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Captioned book is a resume of King's life, the major part of it describing his activities from the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott in 1955 to his death in 1968. The FBI is mentioned on six different occasions, only one of which in a derogatory sense. The author attacked the Director for terming King a notorious liar.

ACTION:

For information,

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1 - 62-46855 (Book Review File)

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. A. W. Gray (Miss Alta Butler)
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin
- 1 - Mr. Glass

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This book is a resume of King's life, the major part of it describes his activities from the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott in 1955 to his death in 1968. The two times he leaped from a second story window as a child because of guilt feelings, are mentioned, as is his "curiosity" about communism which caused him to become a student of Karl Marx during his

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: BOOK REVIEW, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."
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second year at Crozer Theological Seminary in 1948. However, he is pictured in the book as anticommunist.

This book contains a number of quotes from King's writings and sermons as it traces chronologically the activities of his life. It is a history of his activities, all of which are well-known with little insight into his personality and personal feelings.

Mentions of FBI

The author mentions the FBI on pages 103, 124, 137, 200, 220, and 279. All of these references except that on page 200, are not derogatory, describing the FBI's arrests of nine white men after an attack on Freedom Riders in Anniston, Alabama; a phone call to Mrs. King by President Kennedy telling her the FBI had been to see King in Birmingham in April, 1963, and telling her he was all right; the quick FBI apprehension of four Klansmen after the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo; and the FBI's action in searching for James Earl Ray after King's murder. The only derogatory mention of the Bureau is on page 200 which deals with the Director calling King "the most notorious liar in the country," because King had been telling civil rights workers in Albany, Georgia, not to report racial incidents to the FBI because they were Southerners and would take no action. The author termed this "patently absurd," and he said the Director had never been a champion of civil rights or liberties.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

August 28, 1969

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
Attn: Mr. L. F. Schwartz
1 - Mr. C. E. Glass
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

Honorable Winton M. Blount
The Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blount:

Through liaison channels, Chief Postal Inspector William J. Cotter advised of your request for data on Martin Luther King, Jr. There is enclosed a document which contains information regarding the communist influence on King and [REDACTED] b7(c)

This information should be closely held since it emanates from several sensitive sources of this Bureau. It is requested that the data involved not be revealed as the basis for any denial of the issuance of a stamp commemorating King.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Blount

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 8/23/69, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr, Racial Matters," prepared by JJD:fsk.

Classified "Top Secret" as information in this letter and in the enclosure, if disclosed, could compromise informants and jeopardize the national security.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore *gcm*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach ✓
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan ✓
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

DATE: 8/27/69

1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
Attn: Mr. L. F. Schwartz
1 - Mr. C. E. Glass
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

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Recommended that document on Martin Luther King, Jr., be furnished to Postmaster General Winton M. Blount pursuant to his request for data on King.

Chief Postal Inspector William J. Cotter has advised by liaison channels that pressure is being exerted on the Postmaster General from various sources to approve the issuance of a commemorative stamp on King. Mr. Cotter advised that Mr. Blount does not appear to be favorably disposed to the issuance of this stamp. He indicated that Mr. Blount has requested the FBI to furnish him, Blount, a succinct summary of pertinent [REDACTED] data regarding King for his personal use in making a decision in this matter. *b7C*

When President Nixon took office in January, 1969, the was furnished a document on King which contained data regarding King's communist affiliations and [REDACTED]. This document, classified "Top Secret" was also sent the Attorney General and the Vice President.

Mr. Blount has a legitimate interest in making inquiry in this case. Chief Postal Inspector Cotter has advised that any information provided concerning King would be for the personal use of the Postmaster General only and would not be disseminated further either within or outside the Post Office Department. Cotter requested that our reply be directed to Mr. Blount. *5-Down*

ACTION:

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If approved, the attached letter enclosing the document mentioned above will be furnished to Mr. Blount by liaison channels. The document is dated 1/23/69, which is the date it was disseminated to the President.

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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670-D)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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SECURITY MATTER. COMMUNIST

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of an article entitled "Sex and Public Figures" by DREW PEARSON and JACK ANDERSON, date-lined Washington, D.C., which was published on Page 4A of the 8/21/69 edition of The Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper.

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**Drew Pearson & Jack Anderson**

Sex and Public Figures

WASHINGTON—The Chappaquiddick incident has unloosed a spate of titillating rumors, which the Republicans are discreetly filing away for future reference. If Sen. Ted Kennedy should ever emerge again as a presidential prospect, they will surely snoop into his whispered flirtations. For the sex habits of public figures has always aroused intense partisan curiosity in Washington.

The Republicans tried valiantly, for example, to find out where then Senator John F. Kennedy spent his late evenings. The best they could come up with was a blurred picture of someone who resembled Ken-

nedy emerging in the night from a doorway. If this was John Kennedy slipping out of the Georgetown abode of a pretty secretary, as the Republicans suspected, the picture was no proof.

The Republicans also tried to implicate President Johnson in the girlie parties that Bobby Baker staged when he was riding high on Capitol Hill. There was no denying that LBJ had an eye for a pretty face and figure. He caused tongues to wag once when he disappeared from a dance with singer Roberta Peters and took her on a midnight tour of the White House. No evidence of hanky-panky, however, was ever uncovered against LBJ.

One of the principals in the Bobby Baker investigation, the late Edward Bostick, tried to use sex against the investigating senators. Through a private detective, Bostick arranged with a lady of the night, who had a clandestine acquaintance on Capitol Hill, to wire her boudoir for sound. She allegedly lured into her web a few romantic senators, and the recording equipment picked up some senatorial conversations the like of which have never been heard on "Meet the Press."

The FBI has stumbled into more than one Washington boudoir. During the Bobby Baker investigation, for instance, the FBI bugged lobbyist Fred Black's hotel suite and picked up some unexpected tidbits.

On April 15, 1963, for example, J. Edgar Hoover's boys turned in this confidential, deadpan report, "An individual who was

believed to be Robert G. Baker and an unidentified female utilized Black's rooms for approximately one hour during the morning. . . . During most of the time the male and female utilized the bedroom."

The FBI also picked up an earful from its taps on the late Rev. Martin Luther King's telephone. His calls to the vivacious wife of a Los Angeles dentist were included in the bedtime reading of President Johnson, who used to take the latest FBI reports to bed with him for his late reading.

The first tip on Dr. King's alleged affair with the dentist's wife came from Don Newcombe, the former Los Angeles Dodgers baseball star. The FBI passed on a report to President Johnson, dated Feb. 20, 1968, quoting Newcombe as saying that Dr. King "has been having an illicit love affair with the wife of a prominent Negro dentist in Los Angeles since 1962."

"King calls this woman every Wednesday and meets her in various cities throughout the country.

"The source related an incident which occurred some time ago in a New York City hotel, where King was intoxicated at a small gathering. King threatened to leap from the 13th floor window of the hotel if this woman would not say she loved him."

The role of sex in politics — together with the prying and peeping that goes on in Washington — perhaps should be brought out of the shadows into the open.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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ATLANTA, GA.

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Date: 8-21-69

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Author: DREW PEARSON &

Editor: JACK ANDERSON

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